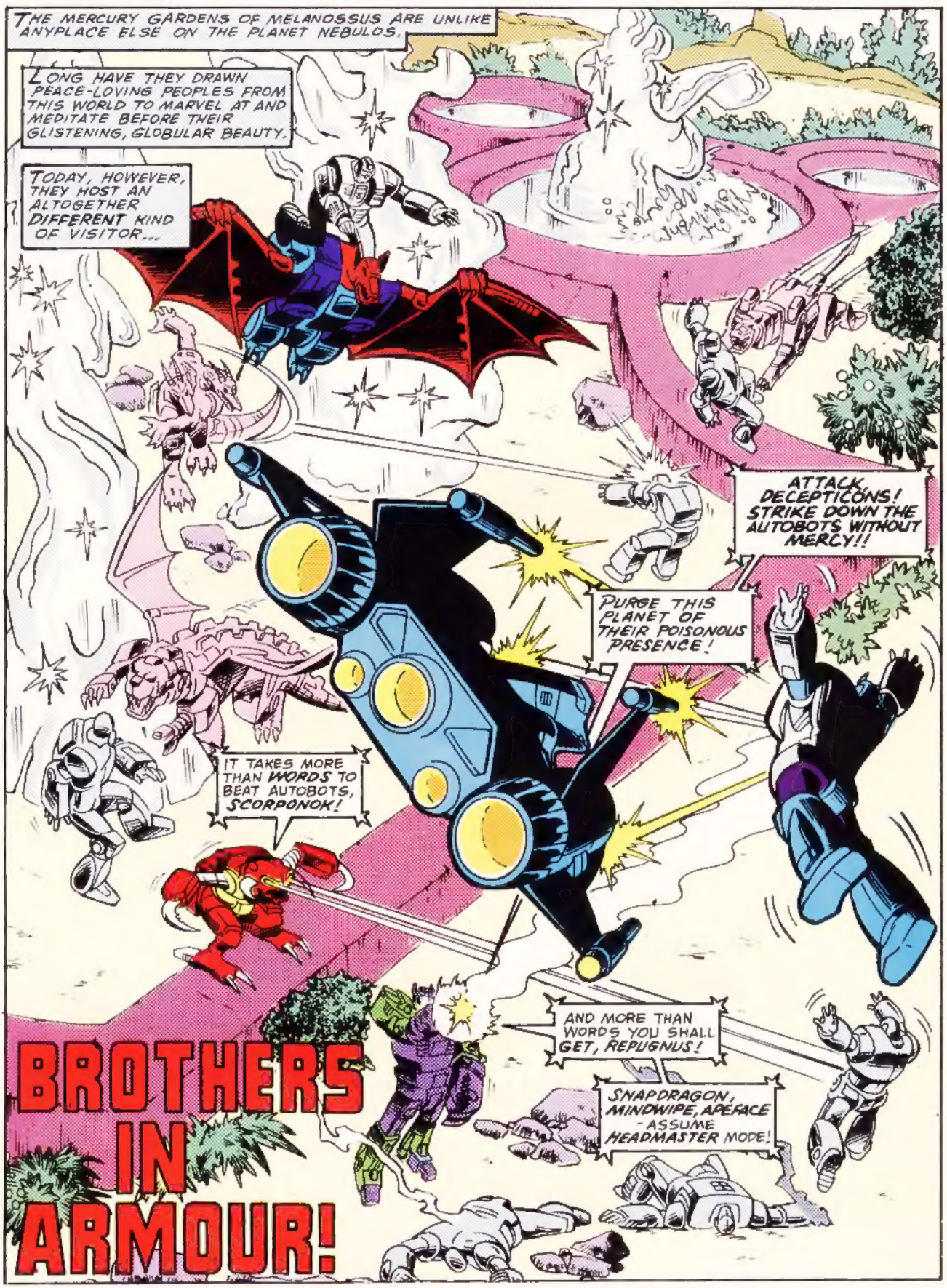
HEAD MASTERS™


THE MERCURY GARDENS OF MELANOSSUS ARE UNLIKE ANYPLACE ELSE ON THE PLANET NEBULOS.
LONG HAVE THEY DRAWN PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES FROM THIS WORLD TO MARVEL AT AND MEDITATE BEFORE THEIR GLISTENING, GLOBULAR BEAUTY.
TODAY, HOWEVER, THEY HOST AN ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT KIND OF VISITOR...
ATTACK, DECEPTICONS! STRIKE DOWN THE AUTOBOTS WITHOUT MERCY!!
PURGE THIS PLANET OF THEIR POISONOUS PRESENCE!
IT TAKES MORE THAN WORDS TO BEAT AUTOBOTS, SCORPONOK!
AND MORE THAN WORDS YOU SHALL GET, REPUGNUS!
SNAPDRAGON, MINDWIPE, APEFACE - ASSUME HEADMASTER MODE!
BROTHERS IN ARMOUR!

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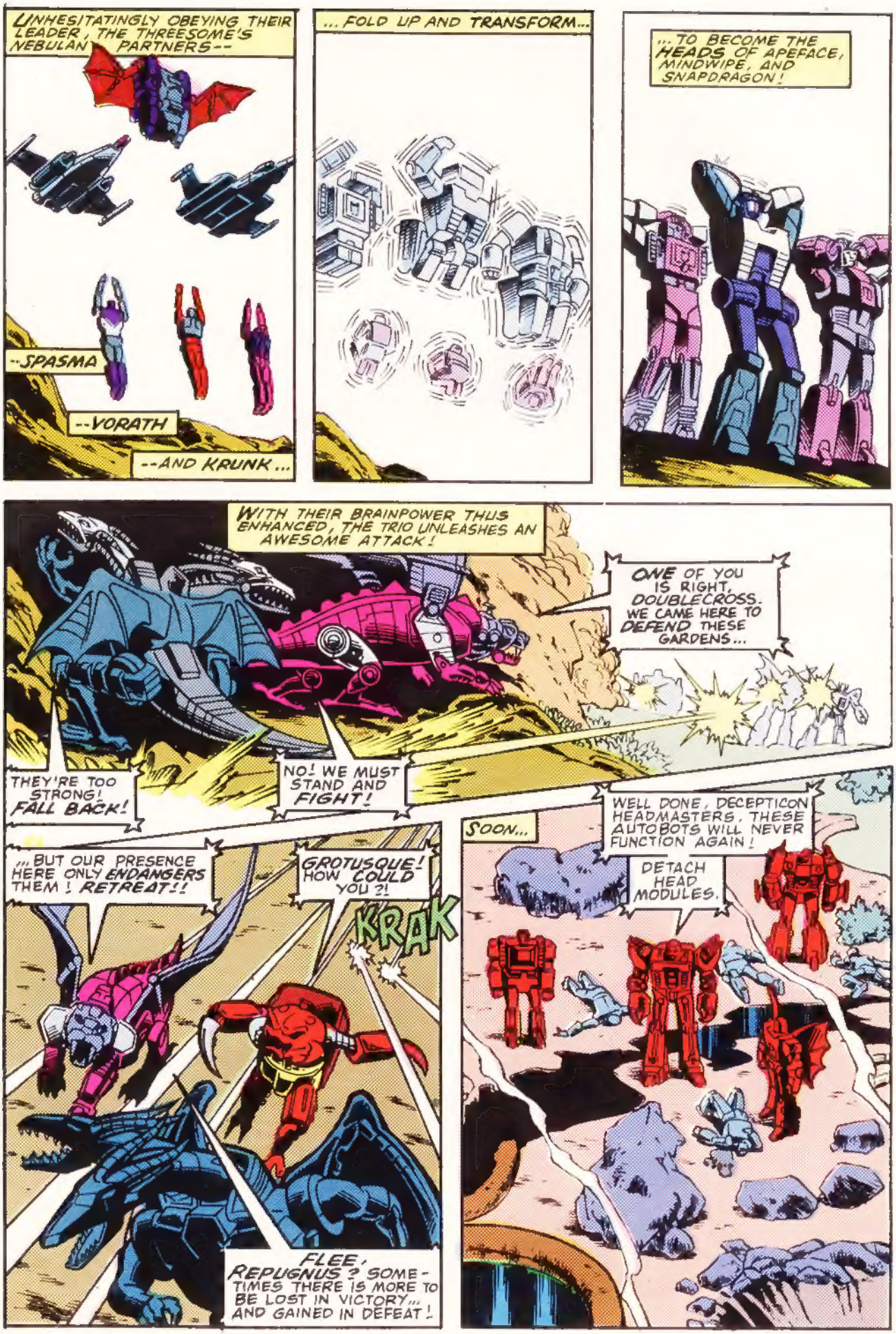
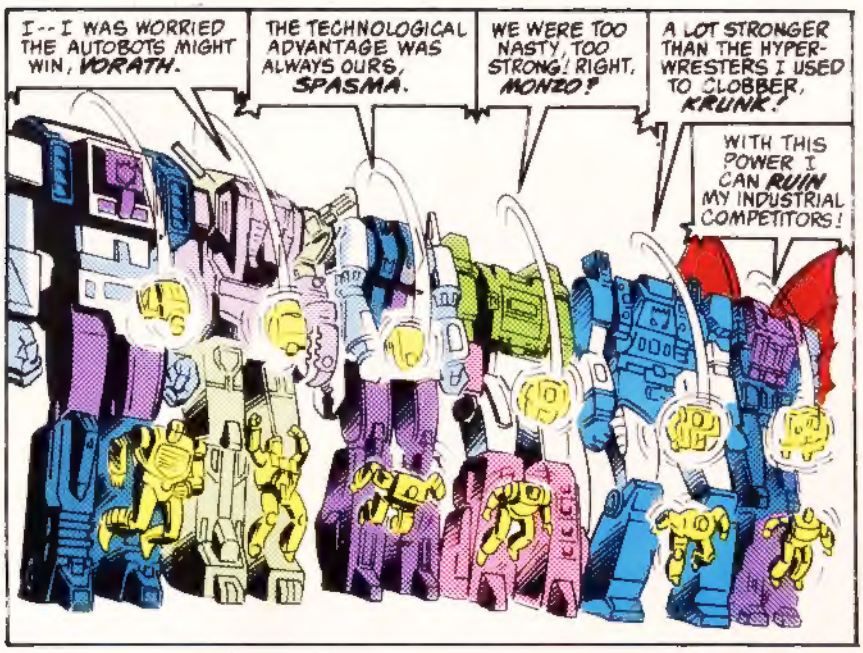
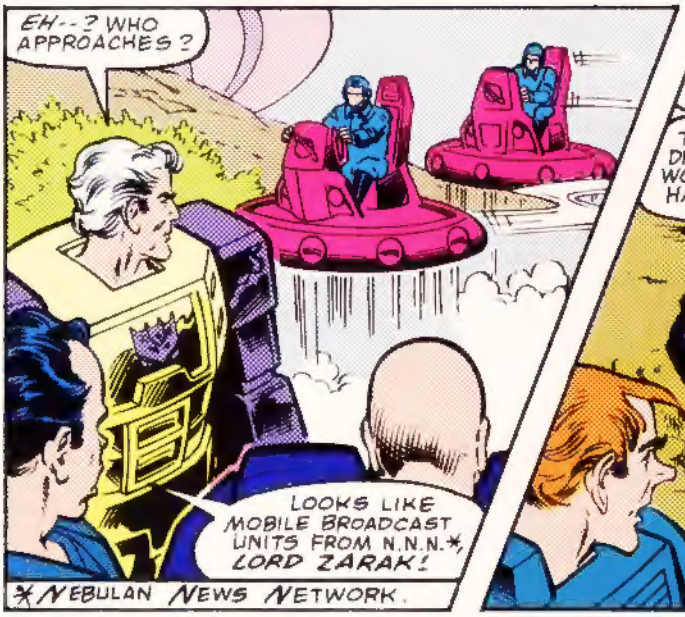
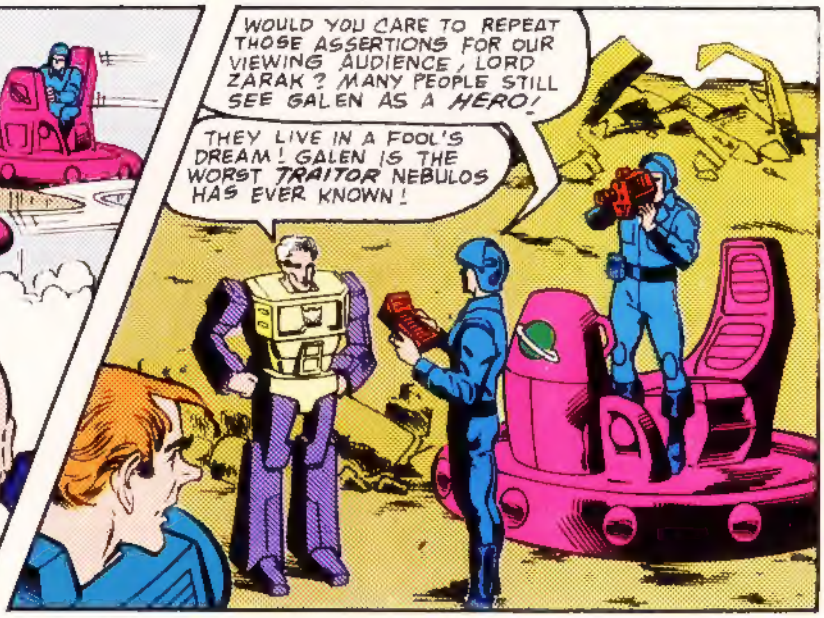
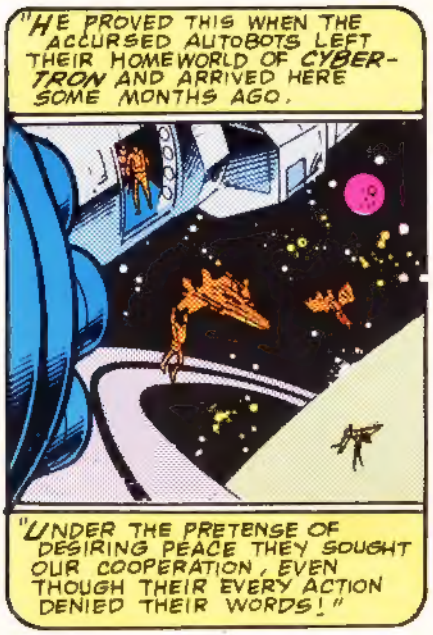

UNHESITATINGLY OBEYING THEIR LEADER, THE THREESOME'S NEBULAN PARTNERS--
--SPASMA
--VORATH
--AND KRUNK...
...FOLD UP AND TRANSFORM...
...TO BECOME THE HEADS OF APEFACE, MINDWIPE, AND SNAPDRAGON!
WITH THEIR BRAINPOWER THUS ENHANCED, THE TRIO UNLEASHES AN AWESOME ATTACK!
ONE OF YOU IS RIGHT, DOUBLECROSS. WE CAME HERE TO DEFEND THESE GARDENS...
THEY'RE TOO STRONG! FALL BACK!
NO! WE MUST STAND AND FIGHT!
...BUT OUR PRESENCE HERE ONLY ENDANGERS THEM! RETREAT!!
GROTUSQUE! HOW COULD YOU?!
KRAK
FLEE, REPUGNUS? SOMETIMES THERE IS MORE TO BE LOST IN VICTORY... AND GAINED IN DEFEAT!
SOON...
WELL DONE, DECEPTICON HEADMASTERS. THESE AUTOBOTS WILL NEVER FUNCTION AGAIN!
DETACH HEAD MODULES.


I--I WAS WORRIED THE AUTOBOTS MIGHT WIN, VORATH.
THE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE WAS ALWAYS OURS, SPASMA.
WE WERE TOO NASTY, TOO STRONG! RIGHT, MONZO?
A LOT STRONGER THAN THE HYPER-WRESTLERS I USED TO CLOBBER, KRUNK!
WITH THIS POWER I CAN RUIN MY INDUSTRIAL COMPETITORS!

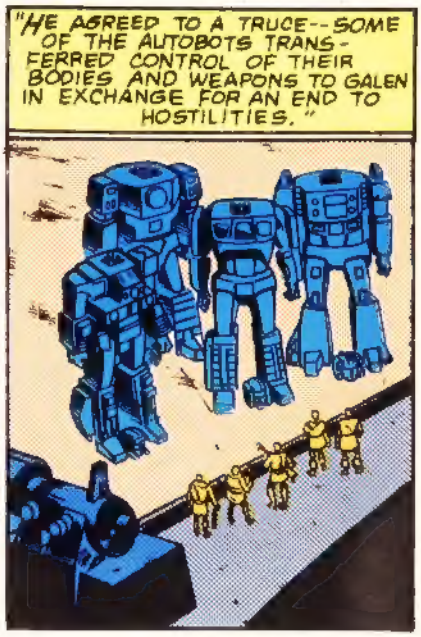
YOU ARE A FOOL, GRAX! ALL OF YOU ARE FOOLS! YOUR THOUGHTS ARE PETTY! PUNY!
WITH POWER SUCH AS THIS OUR ACHIEVEMENTS ARE LIMITED ONLY BY OUR IMAGINATIONS!
NO FORCE ON NEBULOS WILL STOP US! THE AUTOBOT ALLIES OF THE TRAITOR GALEN WILL SOON JOIN HIM IN UTTER DEFEAT!!

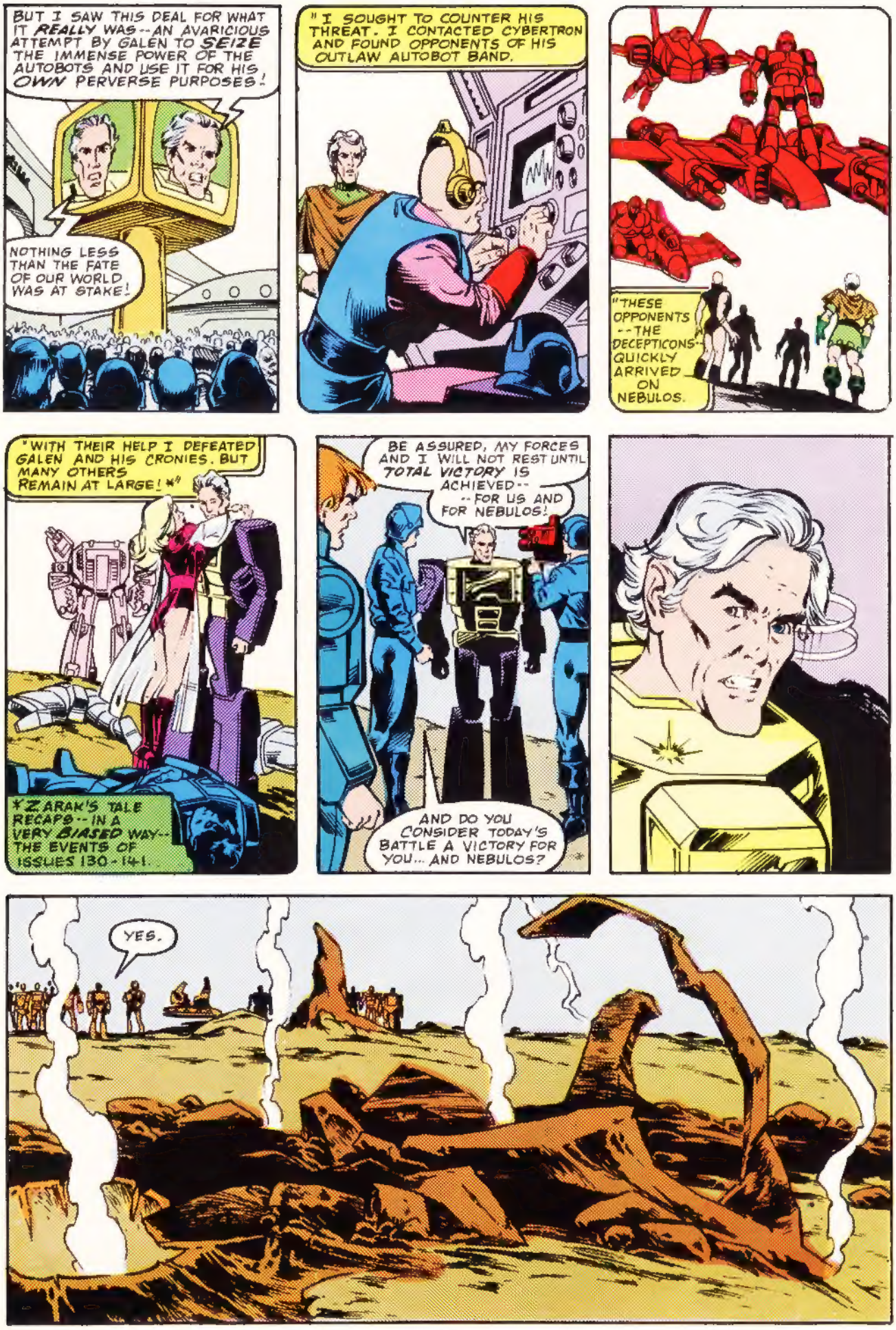

EH--? WHO APPROACHES?
LOOKS LIKE MOBILE BROADCAST UNITS FROM N.N.N.*, LORD ZARAK!
*NEBULAN NEWS NETWORK.


WOULD YOU CARE TO REPEAT THOSE ASSERTIONS FOR OUR VIEWING AUDIENCE, LORD ZARAK? MANY PEOPLE STILL SEE GALEN AS A HERO!
THEY LIVE IN A FOOL'S DREAM! GALEN IS THE WORST TRAITOR NEBULOS HAS EVER KNOWN!


"HE PROVED THIS WHEN THE ACCURSED AUTOBOTS LEFT THEIR HOMEWORLD OF CYBERTRON AND ARRIVED HERE SOME MONTHS AGO.
"UNDER THE PRETENSE OF DESIRING PEACE THEY SOUGHT OUR COOPERATION, EVEN THOUGH THEIR EVERY ACTION DENIED THEIR WORDS!"

"ONLY GALEN, AS HEAD OF THE WORLD WATCHERS -- THE ORGANIZATION CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING PEACE AND HARMONY ON NEBULOS-- DEFENDED THESE MONSTERS!

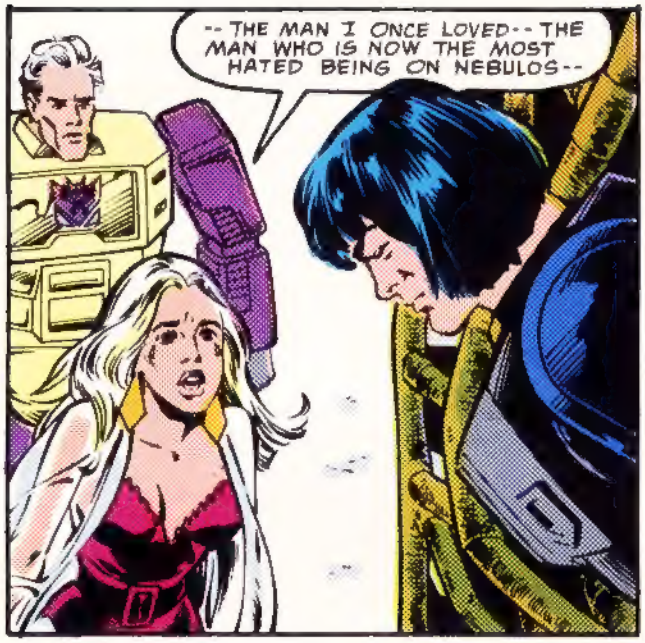

"HE AGREED TO A TRUCE--SOME OF THE AUTOBOTS TRANSFERRED CONTROL OF THEIR BODIES AND WEAPONS TO GALEN IN EXCHANGE FOR AN END TO HOSTILITIES."

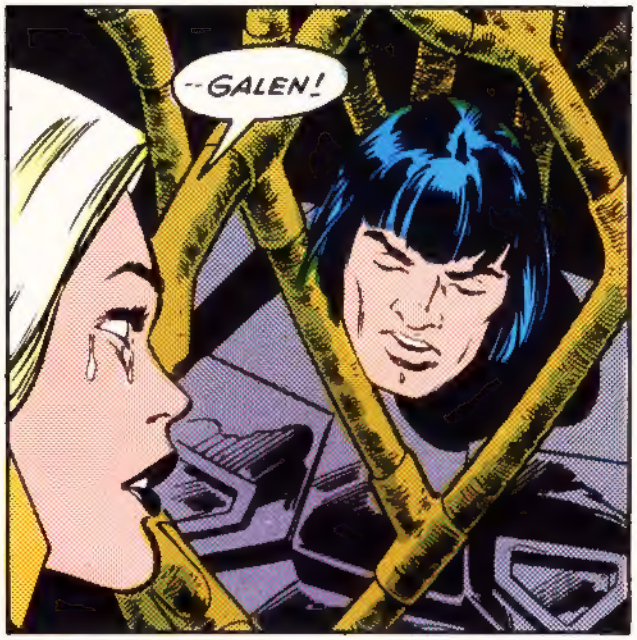

BUT I SAW THIS DEAL FOR WHAT IT REALLY WAS--AN AVARICIOUS ATTEMPT BY GALEN TO SEIZE THE IMMENSE POWER OF THE AUTOBOTS AND USE IT FOR HIS OWN PERVERSE PURPOSES!
NOTHING LESS THAN THE FATE OF OUR WORLD WAS AT STAKE!
"I SOUGHT TO COUNTER HIS THREAT. I CONTACTED CYBERTRON AND FOUND OPPONENTS OF HIS OUTLAW AUTOBOT BAND.
"THESE OPPONENTS --THE DECEPTICONS-- QUICKLY ARRIVED ON NEBULOS.
"WITH THEIR HELP I DEFEATED GALEN AND HIS CRONIES. BUT MANY OTHERS REMAIN AT LARGE!"*
*ZARAK'S TALE RECAPS--IN A VERY BIASED WAY--THE EVENTS OF ISSUES 130-141.
BE ASSURED, MY FORCES AND I WILL NOT REST UNTIL TOTAL VICTORY IS ACHIEVED-- --FOR US AND FOR NEBULOS!
AND DO YOU CONSIDER TODAY'S BATTLE A VICTORY FOR YOU... AND NEBULOS?
YES.

ELSEWHERE, AT THE BASE CAMP OF THE AUTOBOTS...
DOUBLECROSS! GROTUSQUE! REPUGNUS! YOU'VE RETURNED! BUT.. WHERE ARE THE OTHERS ?
THAT TIP FROM OUR NEBULAN FRIEND WAS RIGHT--
THEY-THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT, BLURR.
--THE DECEPTICONS WERE PLANNING A TAKEOVER OF THE MERCURY GARDENS, THE GREATEST NATURAL WONDER OF NEBULOS!
BUT THEY WERE ALREADY THERE WHEN WE ARRIVED.
WE WERE OVER-WHELMED!
THE DECEPTICONS WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS! LET'S ROLL OUT AND JUNK THOSE JERKS!
NOT SO FAST, KUP. REVENGE MUST WAIT. OUR NEBULAN ALLIES HAVE COME HERE, AT GREAT RISK TO THEMSELVES, TO ASK FOR OUR HELP!
TRUE, POINT BLANK. BY SUPPORTING GALEN, WE'RE ALL CONSIDERED CRIMINALS BY THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.
THAT'S WHY WE ALL USE CODE NAMES. MINE IS PEACEMAKER.
THIS HERE IS SPARKS!
CALL ME RECOIL.
I'M HAYWIRE!
..IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE! I GO BY THE NAME SPOILSPORT.
AND I'M PINPOINTER.

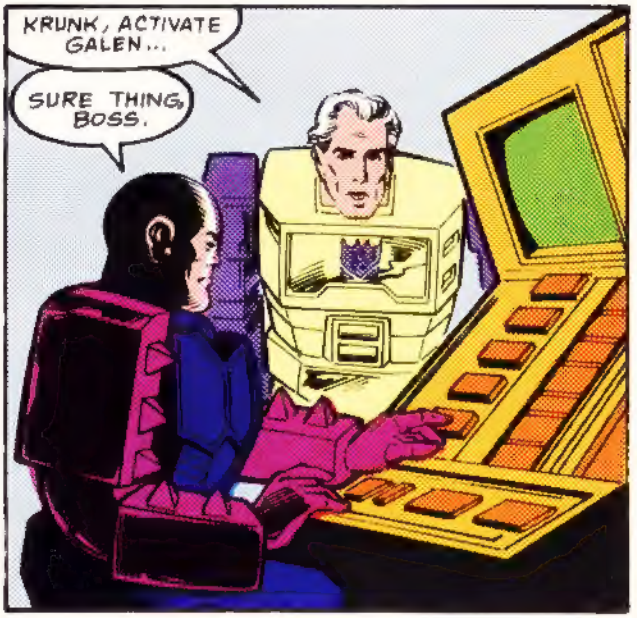
WE'VE COME HERE BECAUSE OUR FRIENDS AT THE NURSERY, THE PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF NEBULOS, FEAR THAT LORD ZARAK IS ABOUT TO SEIZE THEIR FACILITY...
...AND SELL ITS DISCOVERIES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS, RATHER THAN KEEP THE POLICY OF MAKING THEM FREELY AVAILABLE TO ALL!
THIS IS LORD ZARAK'S LATEST STEP IN REPLACING OUR EONS-OLD DEMOCRACY WITH A SOCIETY CATERING TO SOLELY THE RICH AND PRIVILEGED!
WHY SHOULD THIS MATTER TO THE AUTOBOTS? WHAT CAN WE DO? MANY OF US DON'T EVEN HAVE WEAPONS ANY MORE*!
*SEVERAL AUTOBOTS SURRENDERED THEIR WEAPONS TO THE NEBULANS IN ISSUE 133.
WOULD YOU PREFER TO STAY HERE AND RUST, CROSSHAIRS? THIS SWAMP IS SO AWFUL THAT ZARAK AND HIS GANG WON'T EVEN ATTACK US HERE!
AND WITH THE AID OF OUR NEBULAN ALLIES AND SOME NEW TWISTS IN BIO-MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, WE NEED NO LONGER WORRY ABOUT OUR LOST WEAPONS!
I HATE TO INTERRUPT EVERYONE'S FUN, BUT I JUST CONNECTED WITH CYBERTRON ON THE TRANS-GALACTIC RADIO, AND--
HAVE YOU REACHED ANY AUTOBOTS FOR HELP, HOT-ROD?
NO, BUT I'M PICKING UP A WEIRD MESSAGE ASKING FOR THE HELP OF AUTOBOTS ...FROM AUTOBOTS ON ANOTHER PLANET!
LOCATION COORDINATES ENVIRONMENTAL READ-OUTS...THIS WORLD SEEMS VERY SIMILAR TO NEBULOS!
THIS PLACE CAN'T BE ANY WORSE THAN HERE. I SAY WE LEAVE NEBULOS!
OUR JOB HERE ISN'T DONE YET! NOT UNTIL WE FREE OUR CAPTIVE AUTOBOT BRETHREN AND THEIR ALLIES!
BLURR IS RIGHT--BUT THEY'RE BEING HELD WITHIN THE CITY OF KORAJA. ANY ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THEM COULD ENDANGER THE LIVES OF INNOCENT NEBULAN CIVILIANS!
WE LEAVE FOR THE NURSERY IMMEDIATELY!

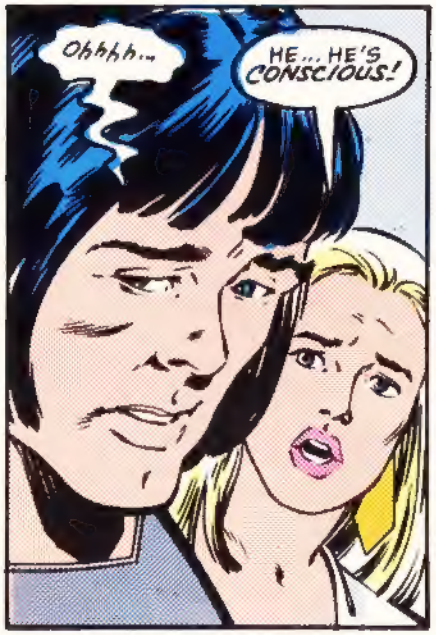
KORAJA, CAPITAL CITY OF NEBULOS...
ARE YOU SURE, VORATH?
...AND HEADQUARTERS FOR LORD ZARAK AND HIS NEBULAN AND DECEPTICON ALLIES.
YES, LORD ZARAK, THE AUTOBOT TRANSMISSION I'M INTERCEPTING IS A REQUEST FOR HELP FROM AUTOBOTS ON ANOTHER PLANET!*
*VORATH HAS HAD A FIX ON AUTOBOT COMMUNICATION WITH CYBERTRON SINCE ISSUE #135.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT ALL MEANS.
CONTINUE MONITORING!
I HAVE OTHER MATTERS TO ATTEND TO!
OPEN THE DETENTION CELL.
YES, M'LORD.
LLYRA!!! WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
I HAD TO COME, FATHER. FOR MY OWN PEACE OF MIND I HAD TO SEE HIM ONE MORE TIME--

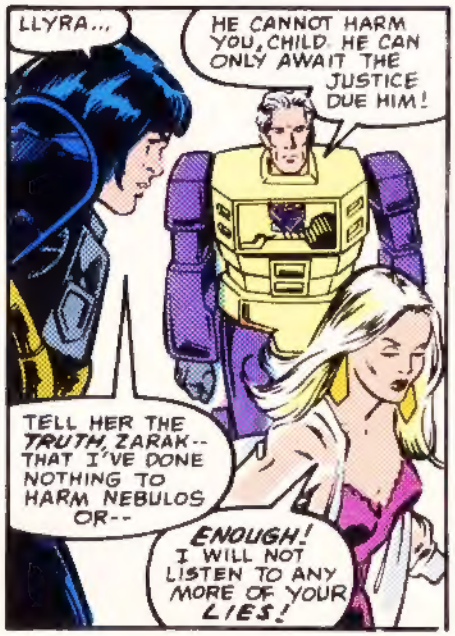

-- THE MAN I ONCE LOVED -- THE MAN WHO IS NOW THE MOST HATED BEING ON NEBULOS --

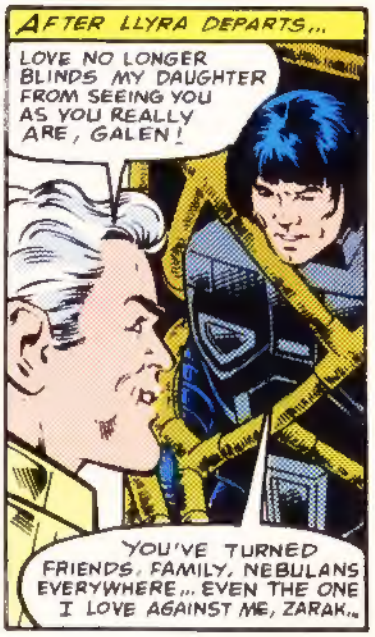

--GALEN!

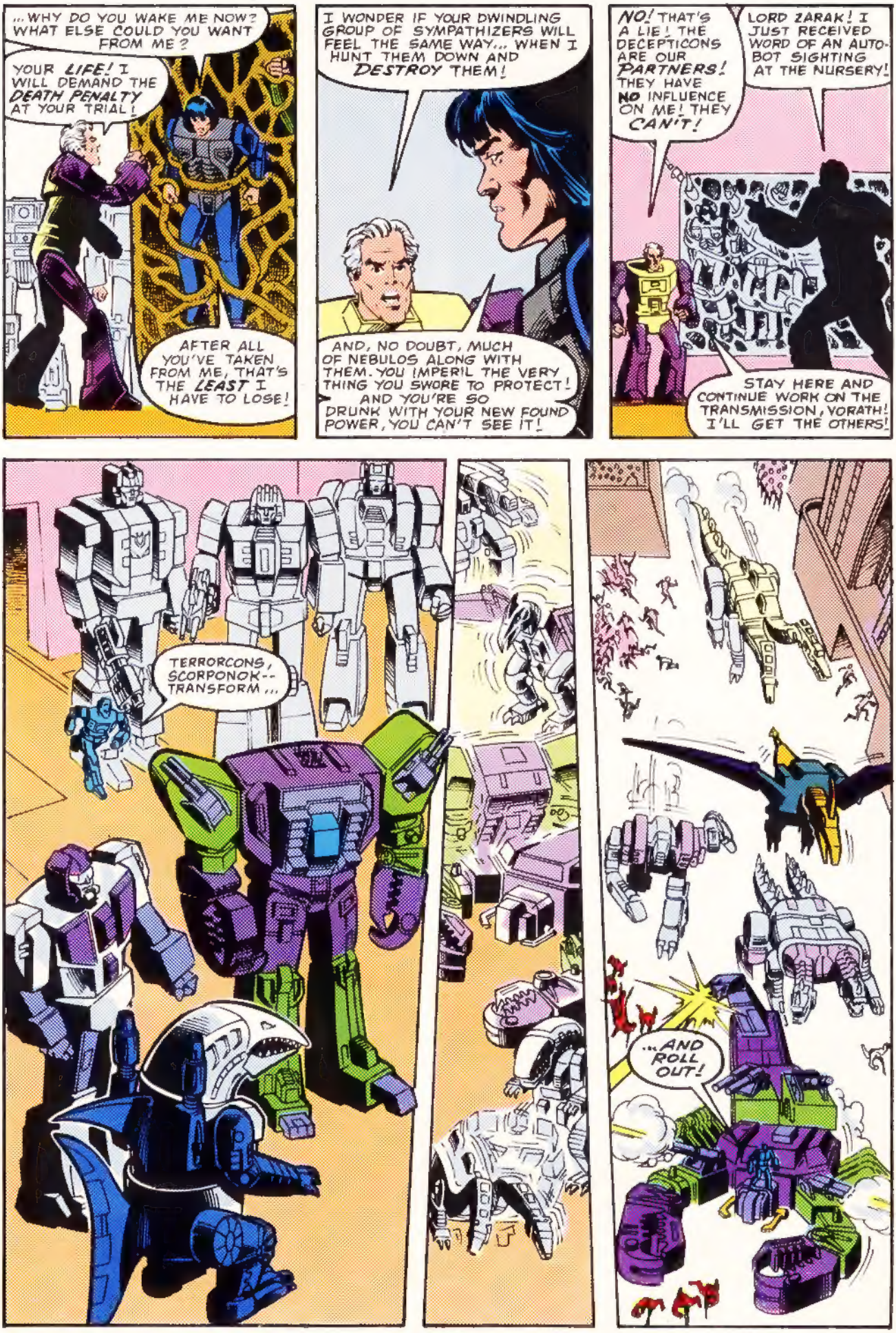
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM HIM ANYMORE. THE MACRO-RESTRAINING HARNESS MAINTAINS HIS LIFE FUNCTIONS, AND HIS PARTNERS', BUT KEEPS THEM TOTALLY INERT!
UNLESS WE CHOOSE TO AWAKEN THEM!

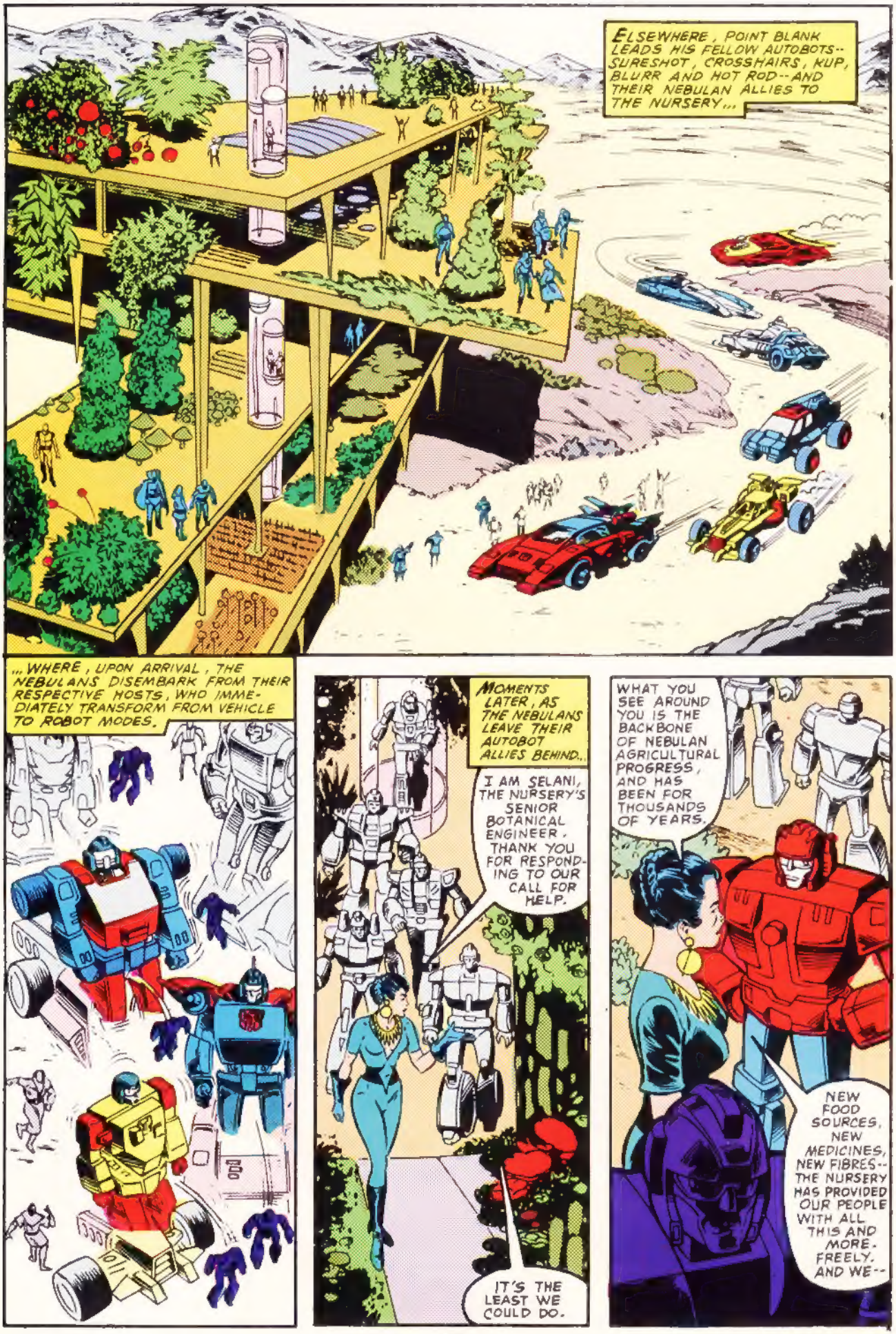

KRUNK, ACTIVATE GALEN...
SURE THING, BOSS.

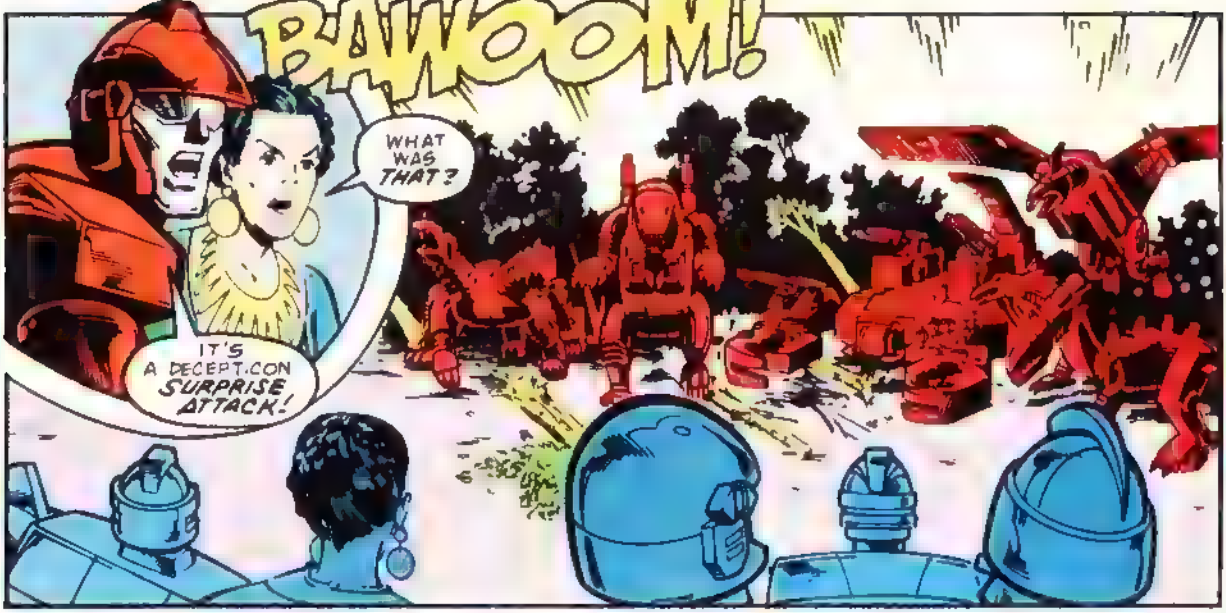

Ohhhh...
HE... HE'S CONSCIOUS!

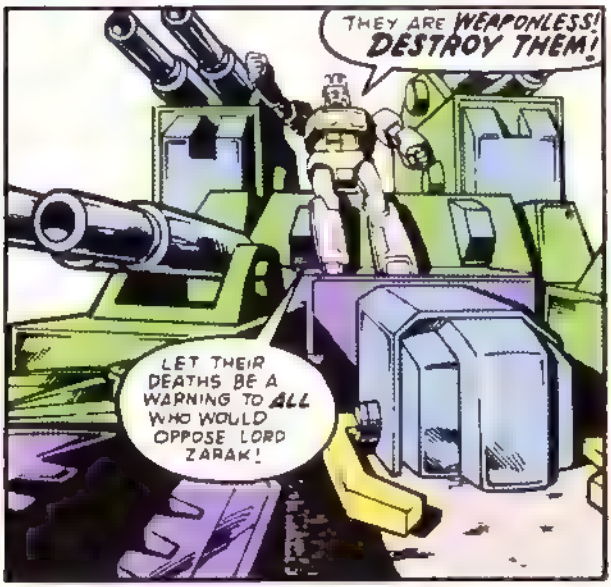

LLYRA...
HE CANNOT HARM YOU, CHILD. HE CAN ONLY AWAIT THE JUSTICE DUE HIM!
TELL HER THE TRUTH, ZARAK -- THAT I'VE DONE NOTHING TO HARM NEBULOS OR --
ENOUGH! I WILL NOT LISTEN TO ANY MORE OF YOUR LIES!

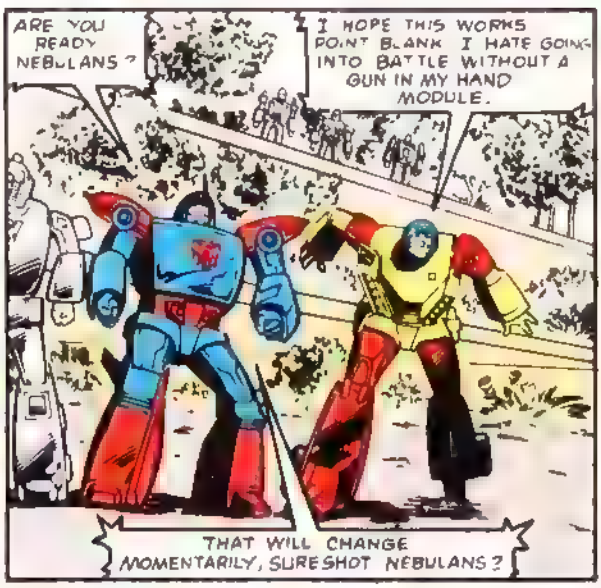

AFTER LLYRA DEPARTS...
LOVE NO LONGER BLINDS MY DAUGHTER FROM SEEING YOU AS YOU REALLY ARE, GALEN!
YOU'VE TURNED FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEBULANS EVERYWHERE... EVEN THE ONE I LOVE AGAINST ME, ZARAK...

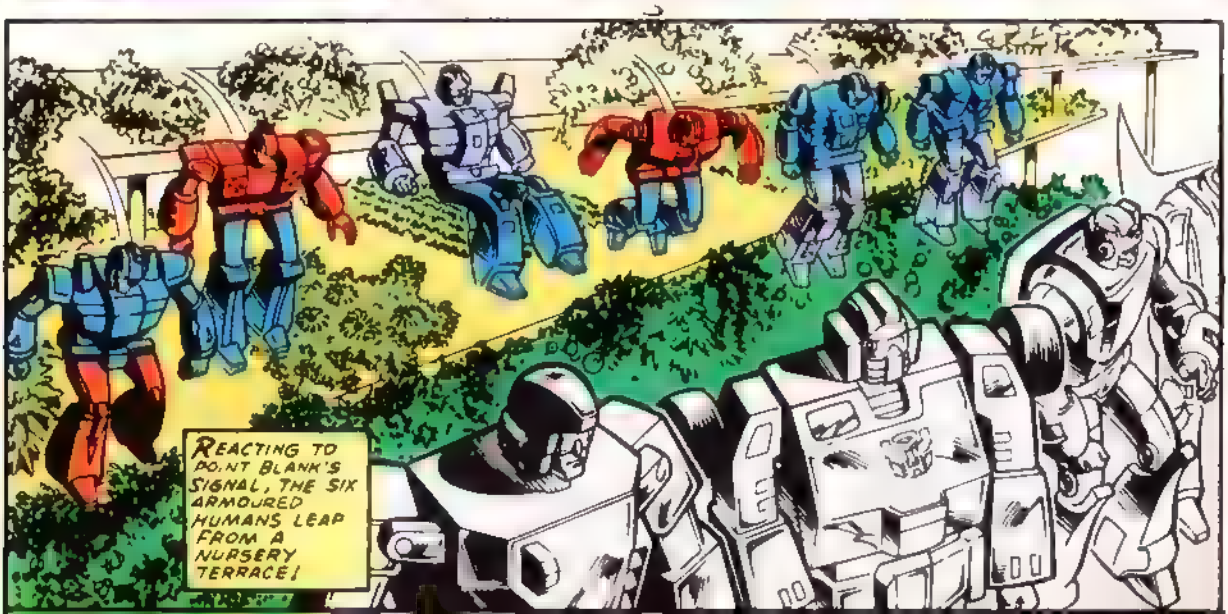

...WHY DO YOU WAKE ME NOW? WHAT ELSE COULD YOU WANT FROM ME?
YOUR LIFE! I WILL DEMAND THE DEATH PENALTY AT YOUR TRIAL!
AFTER ALL YOU'VE TAKEN FROM ME, THAT'S THE LEAST I HAVE TO LOSE!
I WONDER IF YOUR DWINDLING GROUP OF SYMPATHIZERS WILL FEEL THE SAME WAY... WHEN I HUNT THEM DOWN AND DESTROY THEM!
AND, NO DOUBT, MUCH OF NEBULOS ALONG WITH THEM. YOU IMPERIL THE VERY THING YOU SWORE TO PROTECT! AND YOU'RE SO DRUNK WITH YOUR NEW FOUND POWER, YOU CAN'T SEE IT!
NO! THAT'S A LIE! THE DECEPTICONS ARE OUR PARTNERS! THEY HAVE NO INFLUENCE ON ME! THEY CAN'T!
LORD ZARAK! I JUST RECEIVED WORD OF AN AUTOBOT SIGHTING AT THE NURSERY!
STAY HERE AND CONTINUE WORK ON THE TRANSMISSION, YORATH! I'LL GET THE OTHERS!
TERRORCONS, SCORPONOK--TRANSFORM...
...AND ROLL OUT!


ELSEWHERE, POINT BLANK LEADS HIS FELLOW AUTOBOTS--SURESHOT, CROSSHAIRS, KUP, BLURR AND HOT ROD--AND THEIR NEBULAN ALLIES TO THE NURSERY...
...WHERE, UPON ARRIVAL, THE NEBULANS DISEMBARK FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE HOSTS, WHO IMMEDIATELY TRANSFORM FROM VEHICLE TO ROBOT MODES.
MOMENTS LATER, AS THE NEBULANS LEAVE THEIR AUTOBOT ALLIES BEHIND...
I AM SELANI, THE NURSERY'S SENIOR BOTANICAL ENGINEER. THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO OUR CALL FOR HELP.
IT'S THE LEAST WE COULD DO.
WHAT YOU SEE AROUND YOU IS THE BACKBONE OF NEBULAN AGRICULTURAL PROGRESS, AND HAS BEEN FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
NEW FOOD SOURCES, NEW MEDICINES, NEW FIBRES--THE NURSERY HAS PROVIDED OUR PEOPLE WITH ALL THIS AND MORE. FREELY. AND WE--

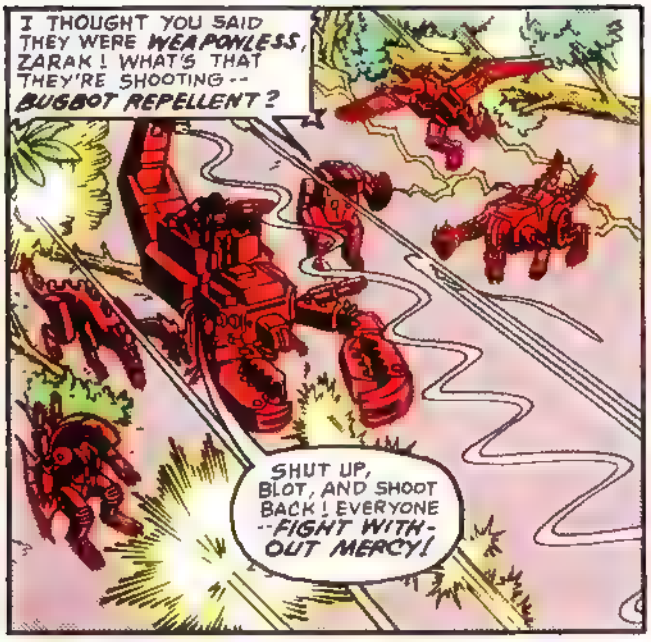

BAWOOM!
WHAT WAS THAT?
IT'S A DECEPT.ICON SURPRISE ATTACK!

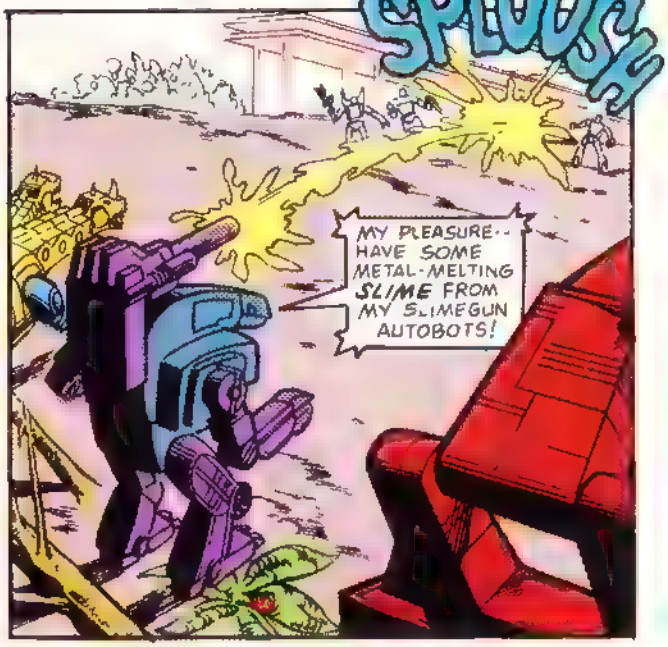

THEY ARE WEAPONLESS! DESTROY THEM!
LET THEIR DEATHS BE A WARNING TO ALL WHO WOULD OPPOSE LORD ZARAK!

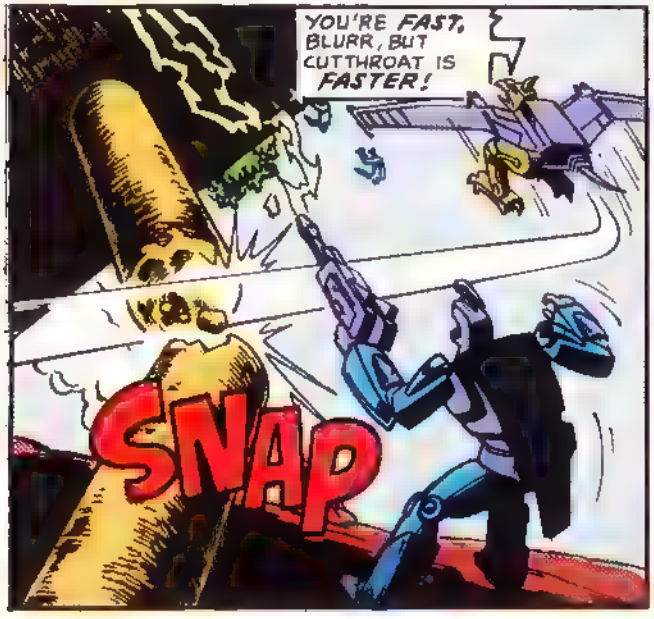

ARE YOU READY NEBULANS?
I HOPE THIS WORKS POINT BLANK I HATE GOING INTO BATTLE WITHOUT A GUN IN MY HAND MODULE.
THAT WILL CHANGE MOMENTARILY, SURESHOT NEBULANS?

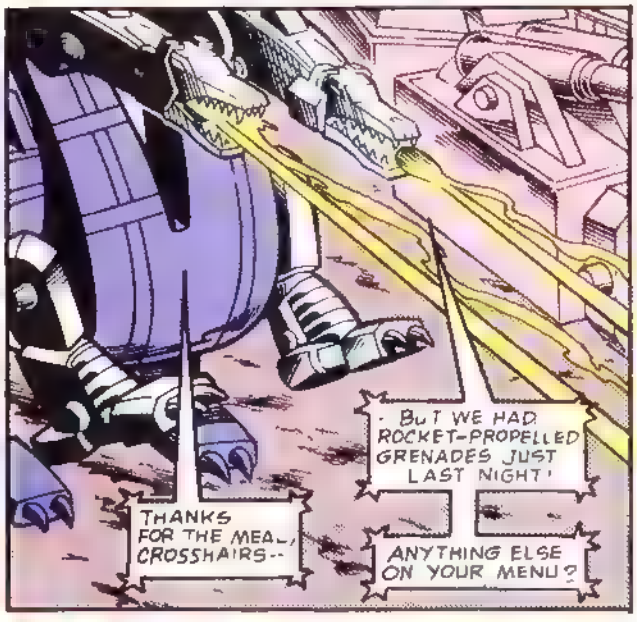

REACTING TO POINT BLANK'S SIGNAL, THE SIX ARMOURED HUMANS LEAP FROM A NURSERY TERRACE!

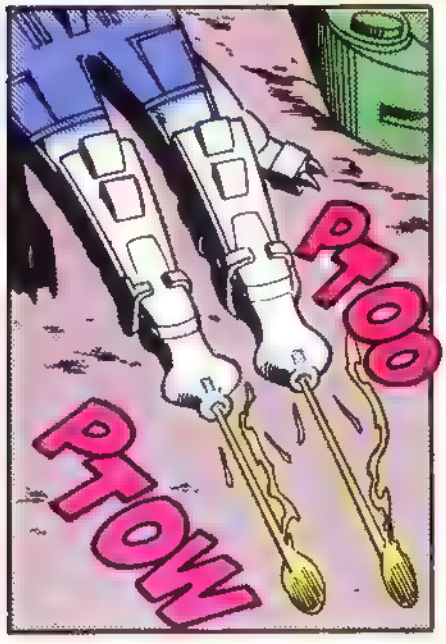
..AND, WITH THE HELP OF BIO-MECHANICAL ENGINEERING--
--TRANSFORM TO BECOME THE WEAPONS OF THE SIX AUTOBOTS!
TARGET-MASTERS--ATTACK!!
TARGETMASTERS ? WHAT IN THE NAME OF NEBULOS ARE TARGETMASTERS ?!
THE AUTOBOTS' ANSWER TO LORD ZARAK COMES NOT IN WORDS...
...BUT IN A FEROCIOUS FUSILLADE OF THEIR NEWBORN FIREPOWER!


I THOUGHT YOU SAID THEY WERE WEAPONLESS, ZARAK! WHAT'S THAT THEY'RE SHOOTING -- BUGBOT REPELLENT?
SHUT UP, BLOT, AND SHOOT BACK! EVERYONE -- FIGHT WITHOUT MERCY!


SPLOOSH
MY PLEASURE -- HAVE SOME METAL-MELTING SLIME FROM MY SLIMEGUN AUTOBOTS!


YOU'RE FAST, BLURR, BUT CUTTHROAT IS FASTER!
SNAP


BUT WE HAD ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES JUST LAST NIGHT!
THANKS FOR THE MEAL, CROSSHAIRS --
ANYTHING ELSE ON YOUR MENU?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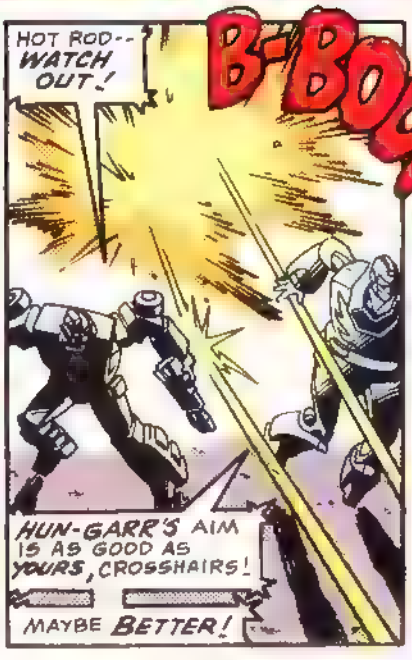
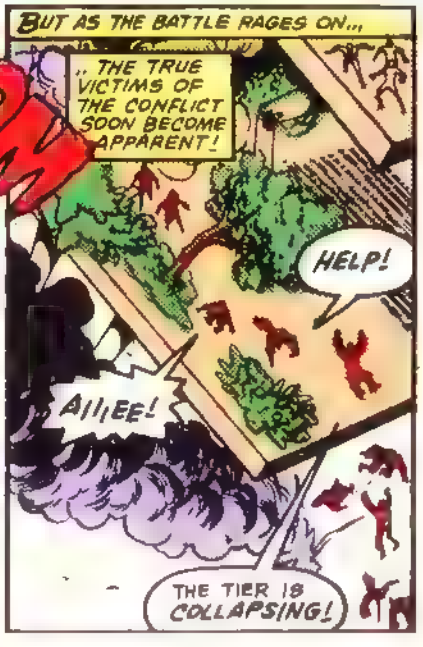
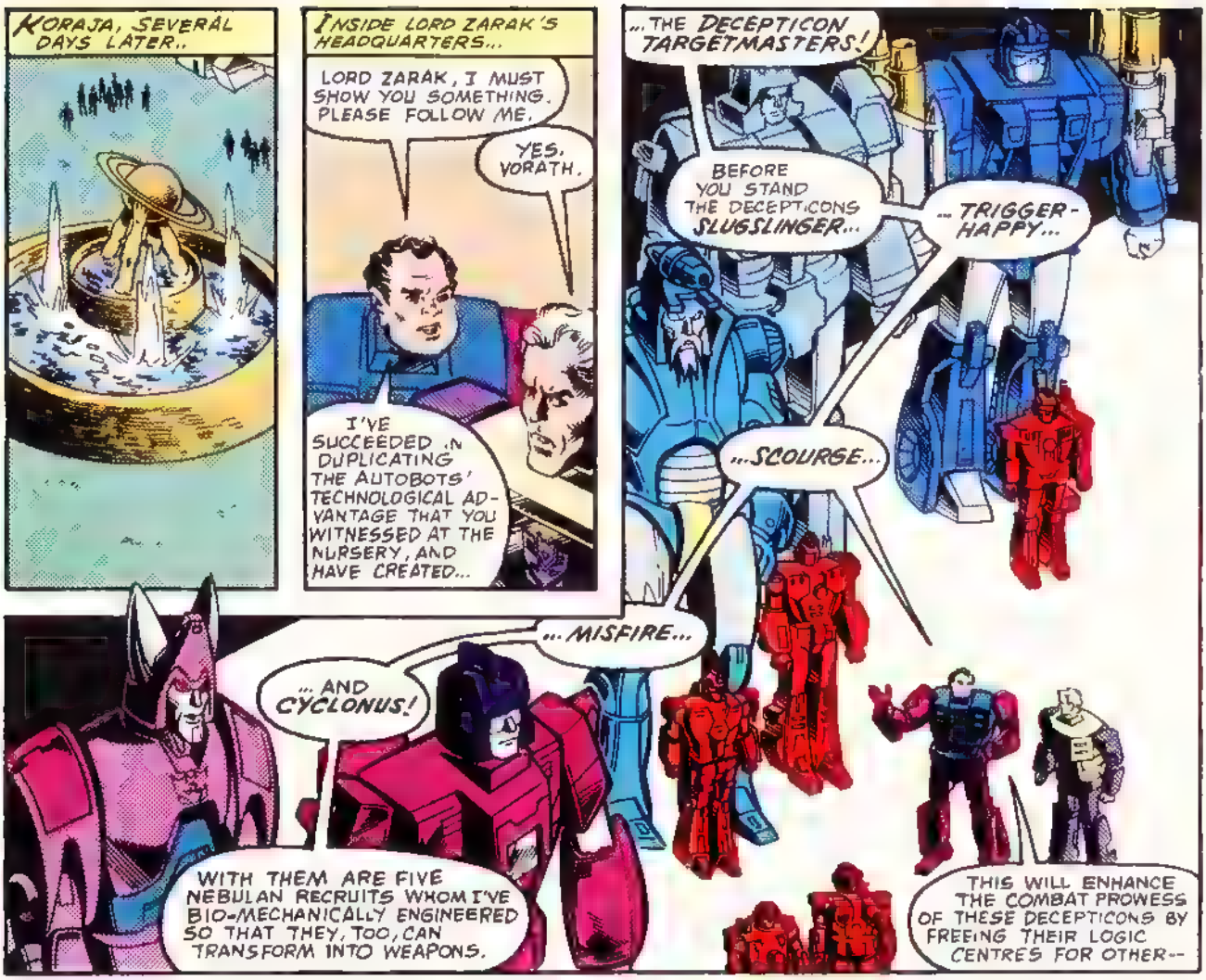
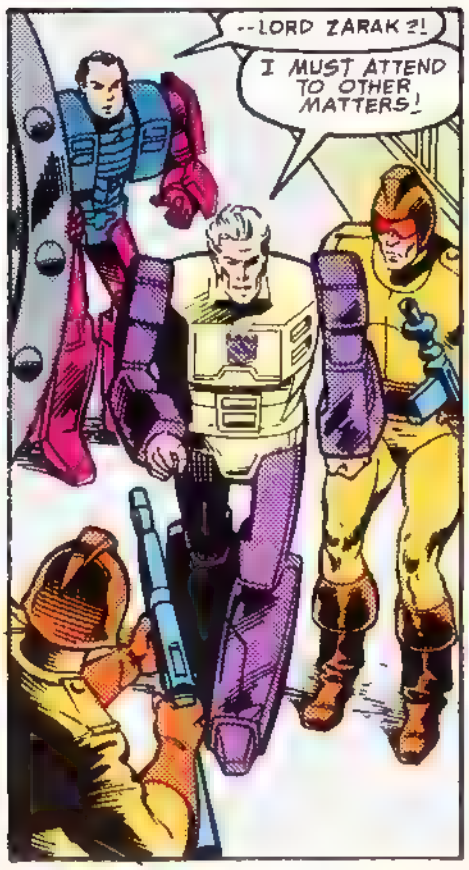

HOT ROD -- WATCH OUT!
B-BOOM
HUN-GARR'S AIM IS AS GOOD AS YOURS, CROSSHAIRS!
MAYBE BETTER!

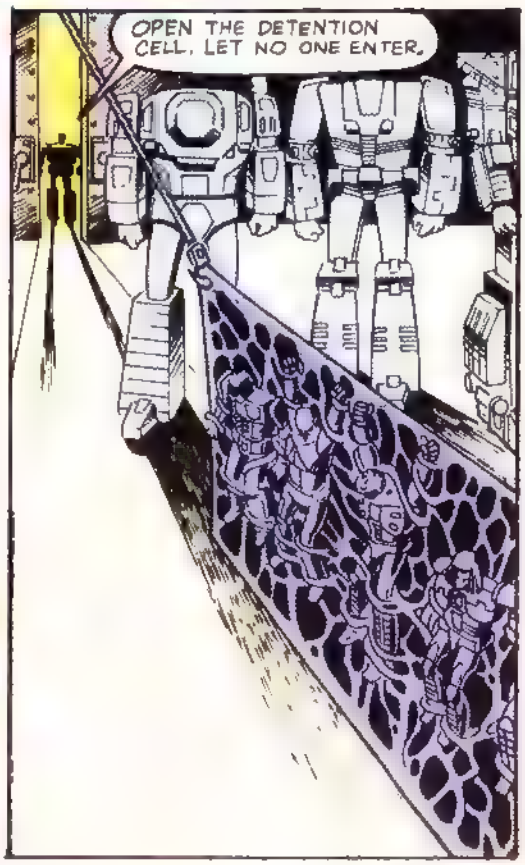

BUT AS THE BATTLE RAGES ON...
... THE TRUE VICTIMS OF THE CONFLICT SOON BECOME APPARENT!
HELP!
AIIEE!
THE TIER IS COLLAPSING!

THE DECEPTICONS ARE DESTROYING THE NURSERY!
OBVIOUSLY, THE DECEPTICONS DON'T CARE-- AS LONG AS WE'RE DESTROYED WITH IT!
THE ONLY HOPE FOR THE NURSERY IS FOR US TO LEAVE!
TARGET-MASTERS RETREAT!
OBEYING POINT BLANK'S ORDER, THE AUTOBOTS AND THEIR WEAPONS REVERT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE VEHICLE AND NEBULAN FORMS...
AND DRIVE AWAY.
FLEE, AUTOBOTS, FLEE! BUT YOUR DOOM IS IMMINENT! FOR MINE IS THE POWER THAT WILL BURY YOU AND SAVE--
--NEBULOS?!
THE NURSERY ...IT-- IT LIES IN RUINS!
I WAS SO OBSESSED WITH DESTROYING THE AUTOBOTS I COULDN'T SEE
...WHAT I WAS REALLY DOING.
...JUST LIKE GALEN SAID!

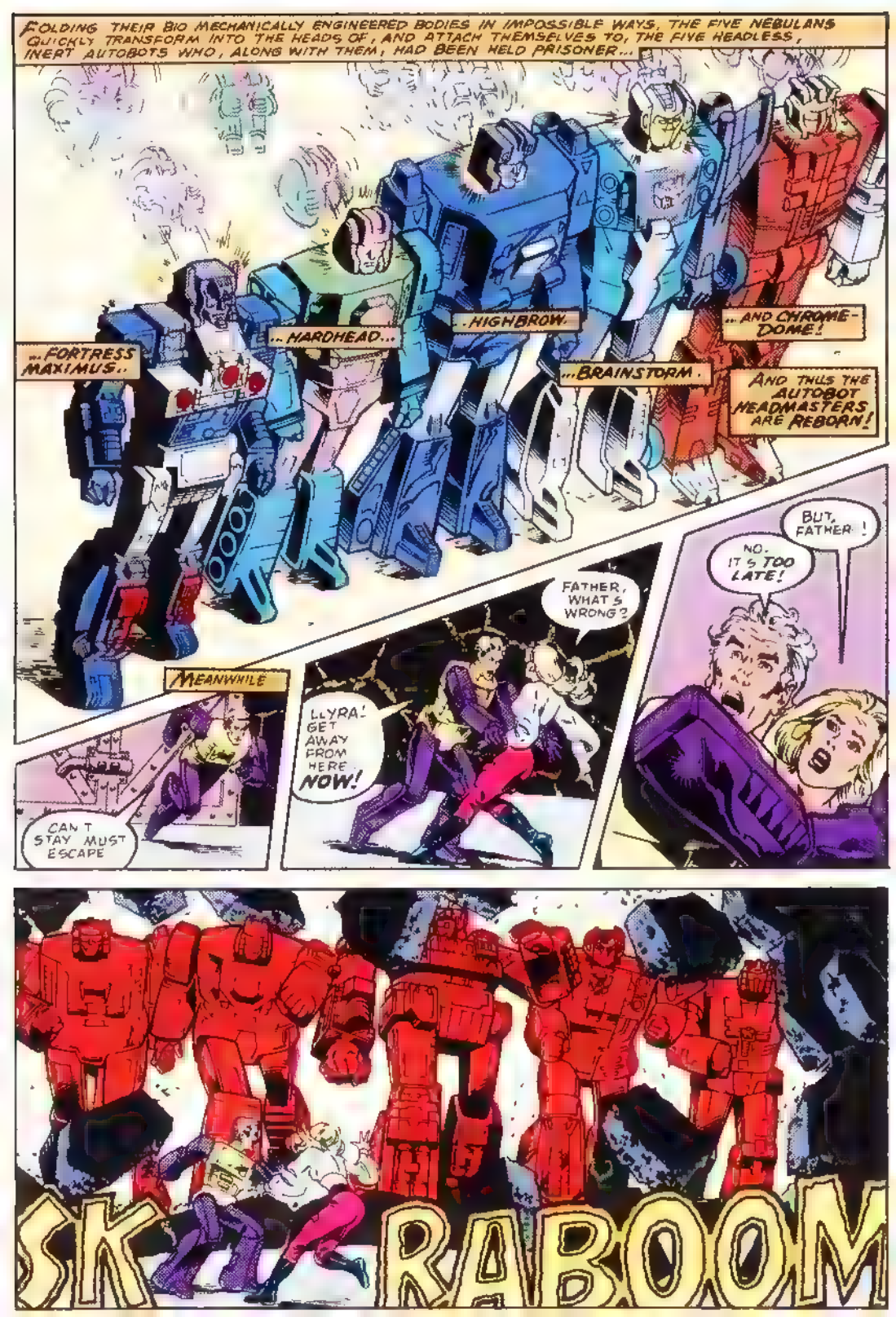

KORAJA, SEVERAL DAYS LATER..
INSIDE LORD ZARAK'S HEADQUARTERS...
LORD ZARAK, I MUST SHOW YOU SOMETHING. PLEASE FOLLOW ME.
YES, VORATH.
I'VE SUCCEEDED IN DUPLICATING THE AUTOBOTS' TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE THAT YOU WITNESSED AT THE NURSERY, AND HAVE CREATED...
...THE DECEPTICON TARGETMASTERS!
BEFORE YOU STAND THE DECEPTICONS SLUGSLINGER...
...TRIGGER-HAPPY...
...SCOURGE...
...MISFIRE...
...AND CYCLONUS!
WITH THEM ARE FIVE NEBULAN RECRUITS WHOM I'VE BIO-MECHANICALLY ENGINEERED SO THAT THEY, TOO, CAN TRANSFORM INTO WEAPONS.
THIS WILL ENHANCE THE COMBAT PROWESS OF THESE DECEPTICONS BY FREEING THEIR LOGIC CENTRES FOR OTHER--

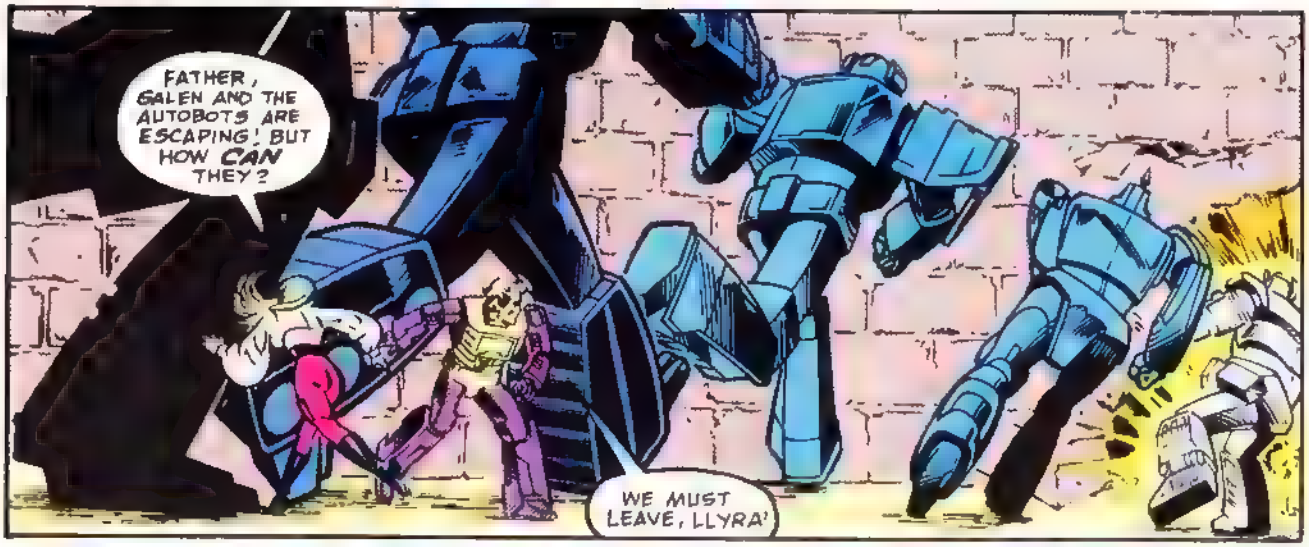

--LORD ZARAK?!
I MUST ATTEND TO OTHER MATTERS!

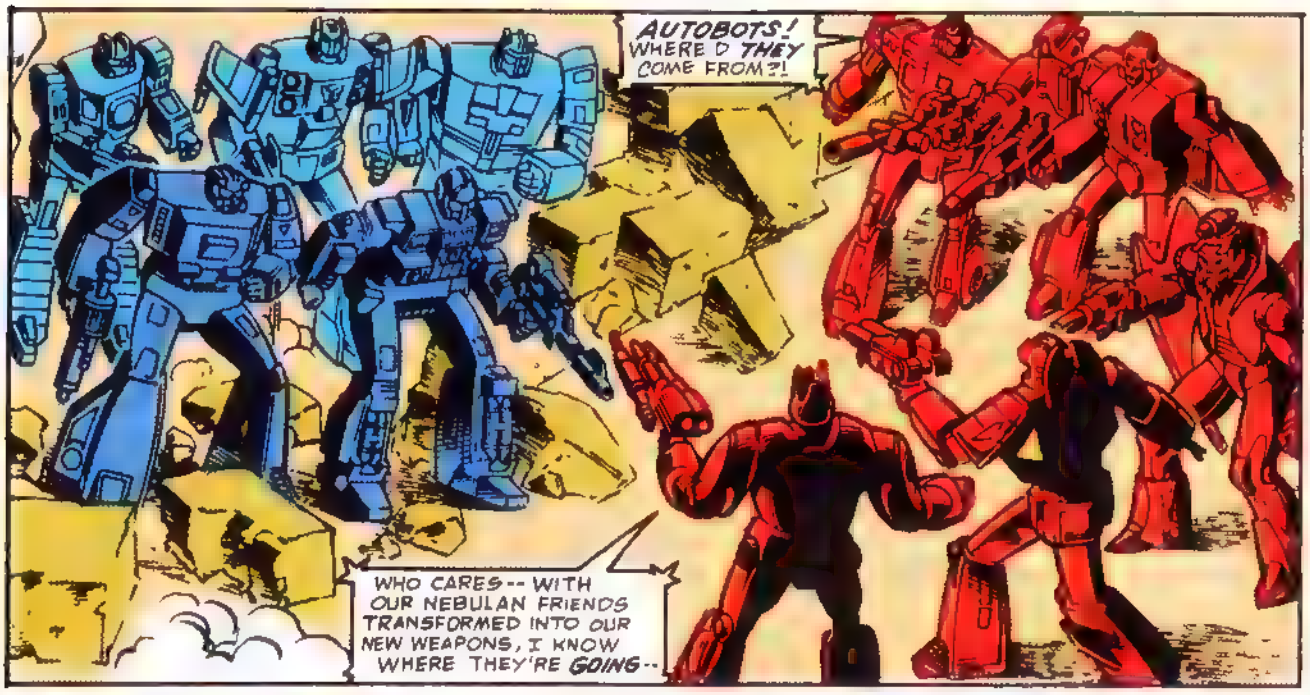
FATHER, I HAVE TO ASK YOU--
--FATHER!
NOT NOW, LLYRA!

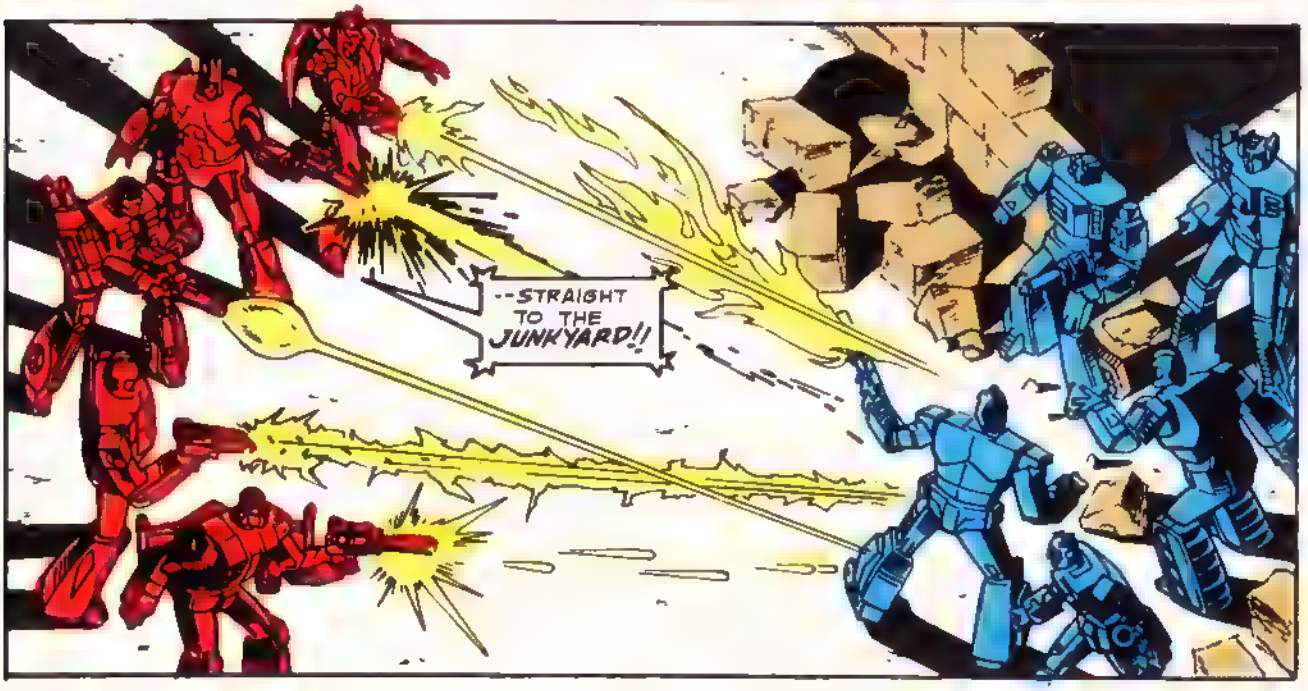

OPEN THE DETENTION CELL. LET NO ONE ENTER.

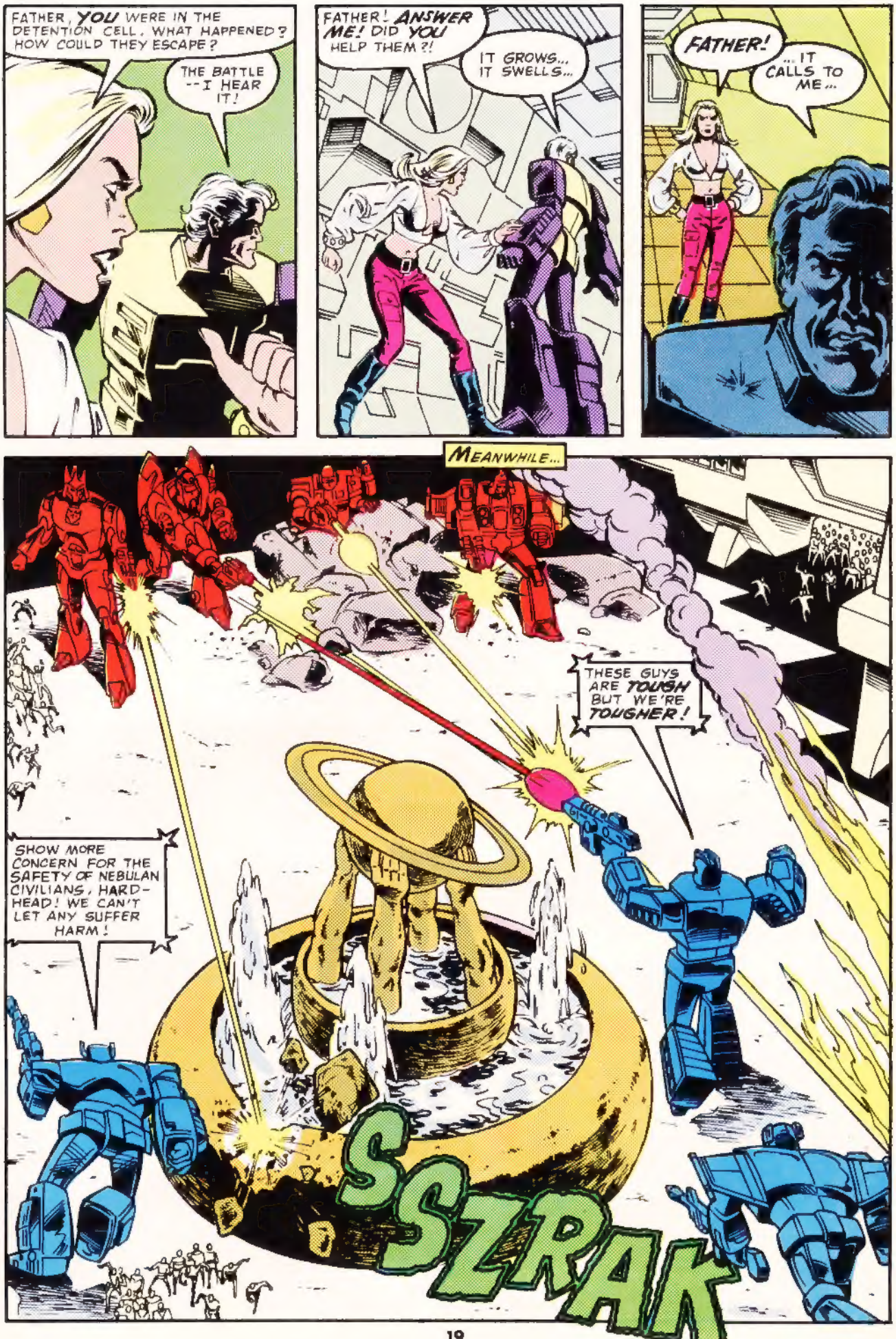
KRUNK, ACTIVATE GALEN!
YOU GOT IT, BOSS!
WHAT IS IT NOW, ZARAK?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN UNDERSTAND -- EACH TIME I COMBINE WITH SCORPONOK, IT GETS WORSE -- HE'S RE-PROGRAMMING MY MIND -- MAKING ME DO THINGS!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE ME ALONE?!
GALEN, IF I DON'T SEE YOU AGAIN IN THIS WORLD I'LL SEE YOU IN THE NEXT ONE
HAS NEBULAN JUSTICE BEEN SO CORRUPTED THAT MY DEATH SENTENCE HAS BEEN PASSED BEFORE MY TRIAL?!
NO, NOT DEATH. THE WORLD I SPEAK OF IS EARTH.
ASK YOUR AUTOBOTFRIENDS WHEN YOU SEE THEM AGAIN.
AGAIN?
WHILE, OUTSIDE THE CELL,
LET ME PASS THAT'S MY FATHER IN THERE.
SORRY BUT LORD ZARAK'S ORDERS WERE THAT NO ONE PASS
KRUNK, MOVE ASIDE.
BOSS?
WUMP
I SAID MOVE!!
AGGK!
IT'S THE ONLY CHANCE FOR GALEN FOR NEBULOS
ZARAK TURNS OFF THE RESTRAINING CONTROLS, AND FLOODS GALEN AND HIS ALLIES -
--DUROS--
--GORT--
--ARCANA--
--AND STYLOR--
--WE'RE FREE!
WITH NO TIME TO WASTE!
LET'S BLOW THIS SLIME-PIT!
WITH A SURGE OF ENERGY!!

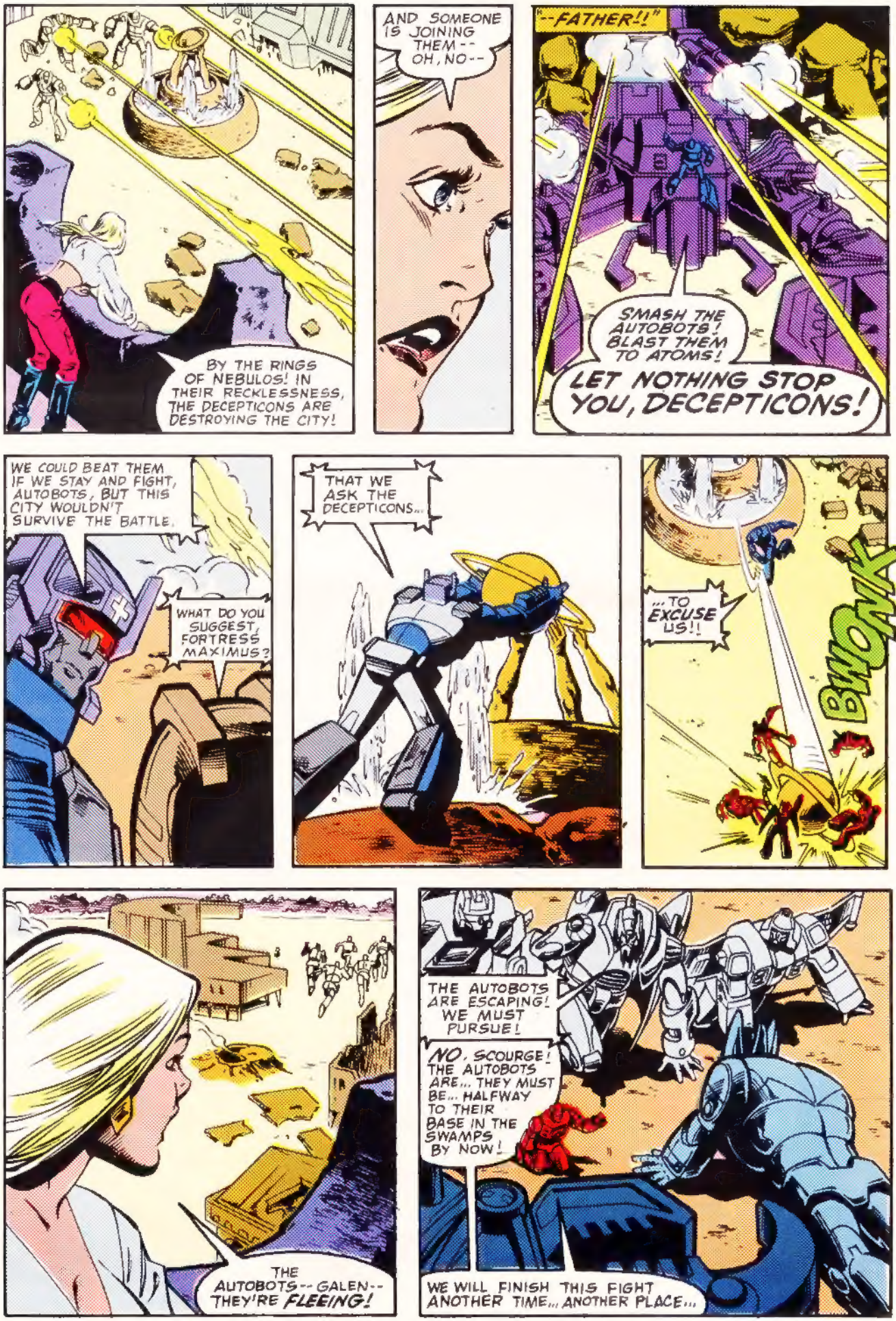

FOLDING THEIR BIO MECHANICALLY ENGINEERED BODIES IN IMPOSSIBLE WAYS, THE FIVE NEBULANS QUICKLY TRANSFORM INTO THE HEADS OF, AND ATTACH THEMSELVES TO, THE FIVE HEADLESS, INERT AUTOBOTS WHO, ALONG WITH THEM, HAD BEEN HELD PRISONER...
...FORTRESS MAXIMUS..
...HARDHEAD...
...HIGHBROW.
...BRAINSTORM.
...AND CHROME-DOME!
AND THUS THE AUTOBOT HEADMASTERS ARE REBORN!
MEANWHILE
CAN T STAY MUST ESCAPE
LLYRA! GET AWAY FROM HERE NOW!
FATHER, WHAT S WRONG?
NO. IT S TOO LATE!
BUT, FATHER !
SKYRABOOM

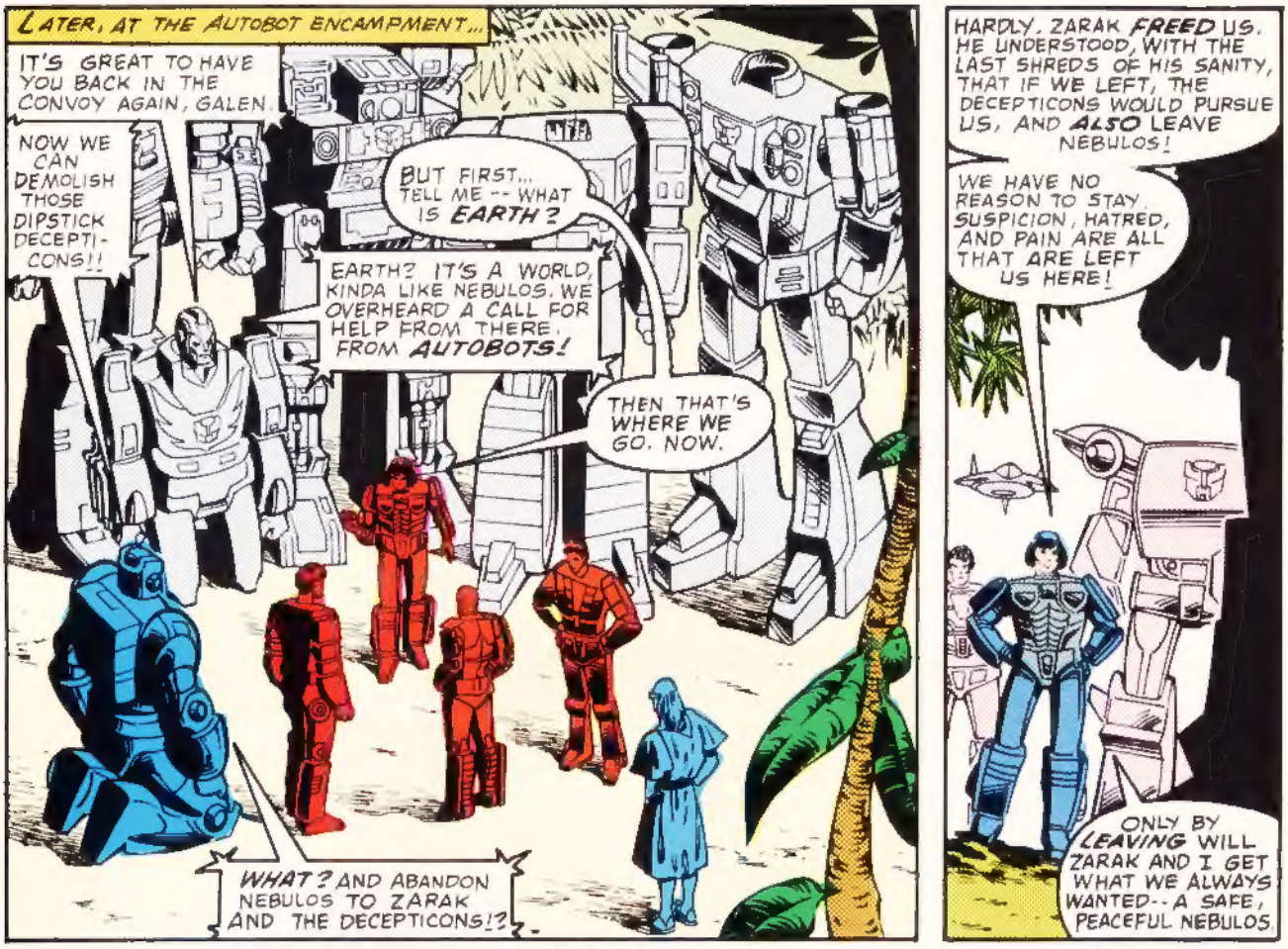

FATHER, GALEN AND THE AUTOBOTS ARE ESCAPING! BUT HOW CAN THEY?
WE MUST LEAVE, LLYRA!

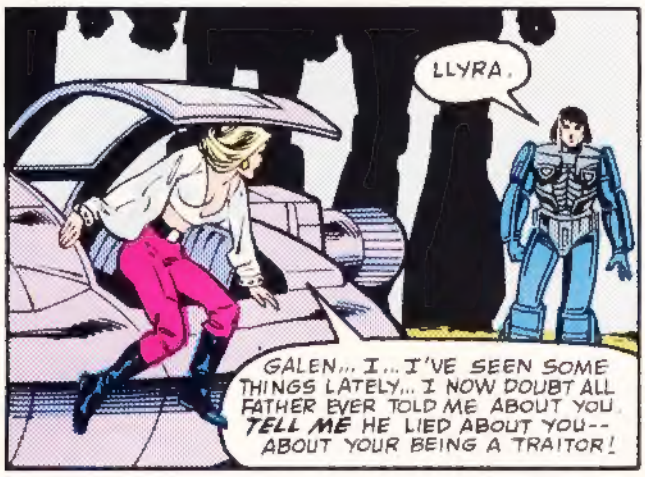

AUTOBOTS! WHERE D THEY COME FROM?!
WHO CARES -- WITH OUR NEBULAN FRIENDS TRANSFORMED INTO OUR NEW WEAPONS, I KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GOING --

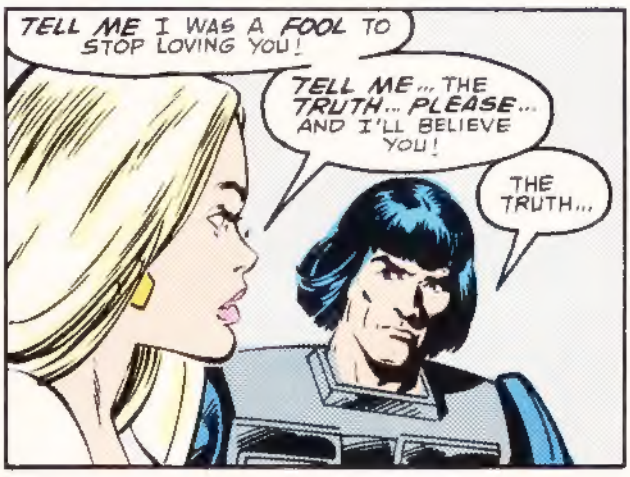

--STRAIGHT TO THE JUNKYARD!!

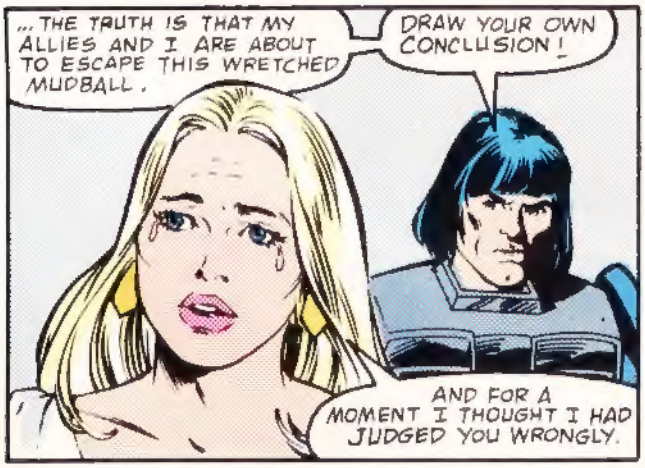

FATHER, YOU WERE IN THE DETENTION CELL. WHAT HAPPENED? HOW COULD THEY ESCAPE?
THE BATTLE --I HEAR IT!
FATHER! ANSWER ME! DID YOU HELP THEM?!
IT GROWS... IT SWELLS...
FATHER!
...IT CALLS TO ME...
MEANWHILE...
THESE GUYS ARE TOUGH BUT WE'RE TOUGHER!
SHOW MORE CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF NEBULAN CIVILIANS, HARD-HEAD! WE CAN'T LET ANY SUFFER HARM!
SSZRAK

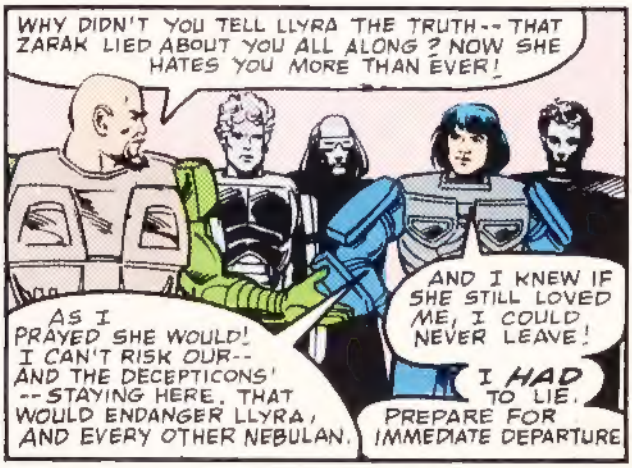

BY THE RINGS OF NEBULOS! IN THEIR RECKLESSNESS, THE DECEPTICONS ARE DESTROYING THE CITY!
AND SOMEONE IS JOINING THEM -- OH, NO --
"--FATHER!!"
SMASH THE AUTOBOTS! BLAST THEM TO ATOMS!
LET NOTHING STOP YOU, DECEPTICONS!
WE COULD BEAT THEM IF WE STAY AND FIGHT, AUTOBOTS, BUT THIS CITY WOULDN'T SURVIVE THE BATTLE.
WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST, FORTRESS MAXIMUS?
THAT WE ASK THE DECEPTICONS...
...TO EXCUSE US!!
BWONK
THE AUTOBOTS -- GALEN -- THEY'RE FLEEING!
THE AUTOBOTS ARE ESCAPING! WE MUST PURSUE!
NO, SCOURGE! THE AUTOBOTS ARE... THEY MUST BE... HALFWAY TO THEIR BASE IN THE SWAMPS BY NOW!
WE WILL FINISH THIS FIGHT ANOTHER TIME... ANOTHER PLACE...

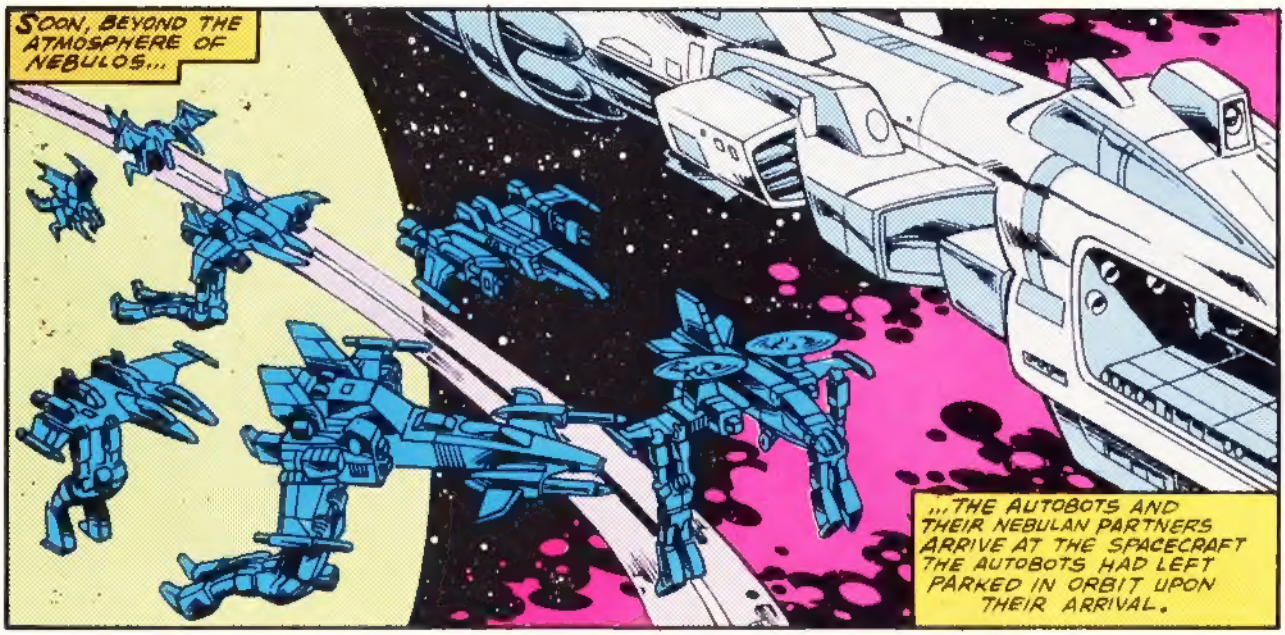

LATER, AT THE AUTOBOT ENCAMPMENT...
IT'S GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK IN THE CONVOY AGAIN, GALEN.
NOW WE CAN DEMOLISH THOSE DIPSTICK DECEPTI-CONS!!
BUT FIRST... TELL ME -- WHAT IS EARTH?
EARTH? IT'S A WORLD, KINDA LIKE NEBULOS. WE OVERHEARD A CALL FOR HELP FROM THERE, FROM AUTOBOTS!
THEN THAT'S WHERE WE GO. NOW.
WHAT? AND ABANDON NEBULOS TO ZARAK AND THE DECEPTICONS!?
HARDLY. ZARAK FREED US. HE UNDERSTOOD, WITH THE LAST SHREDS OF HIS SANITY, THAT IF WE LEFT, THE DECEPTICONS WOULD PURSUE US, AND ALSO LEAVE NEBULOS!
WE HAVE NO REASON TO STAY. SUSPICION, HATRED, AND PAIN ARE ALL THAT ARE LEFT US HERE!
ONLY BY LEAVING WILL ZARAK AND I GET WHAT WE ALWAYS WANTED -- A SAFE, PEACEFUL NEBULOS

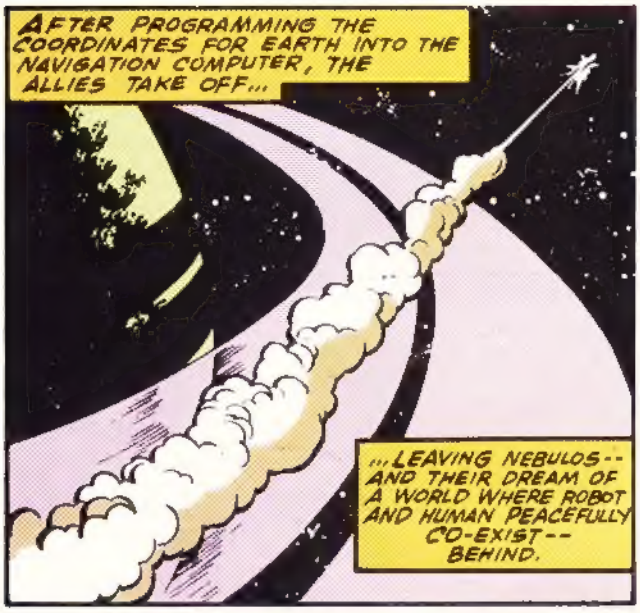

LLYRA.
GALEN... I... I'VE SEEN SOME THINGS LATELY... I NOW DOUBT ALL FATHER EVER TOLD ME ABOUT YOU. TELL ME HE LIED ABOUT YOU -- ABOUT YOUR BEING A TRAITOR!

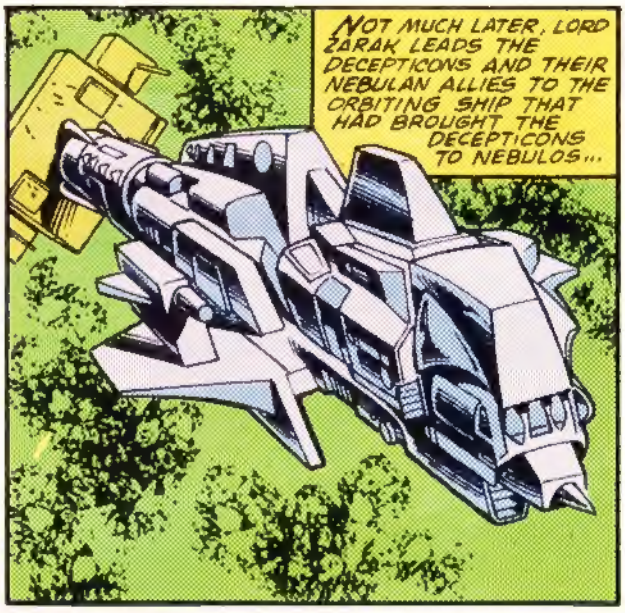

TELL ME I WAS A FOOL TO STOP LOVING YOU!
TELL ME... THE TRUTH... PLEASE... AND I'LL BELIEVE YOU!
THE TRUTH...


... THE TRUTH IS THAT MY ALLIES AND I ARE ABOUT TO ESCAPE THIS WRETCHED MUDBALL.
DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSION!
AND FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT I HAD JUDGED YOU WRONGLY.

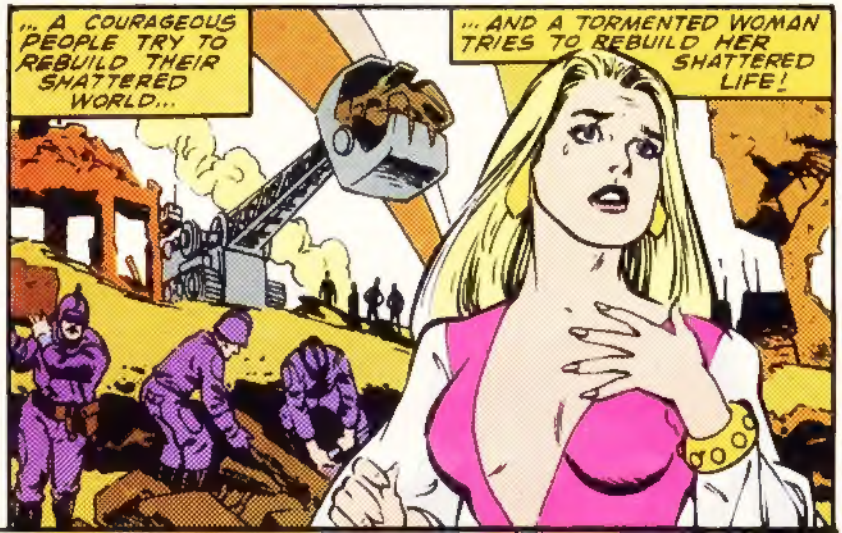

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL LLYRA THE TRUTH -- THAT ZARAK LIED ABOUT YOU ALL ALONG? NOW SHE HATES YOU MORE THAN EVER!
AS I PRAYED SHE WOULD! I CAN'T RISK OUR -- AND THE DECEPTICONS' -- STAYING HERE. THAT WOULD ENDANGER LLYRA, AND EVERY OTHER NEBULAN.
AND I KNEW IF SHE STILL LOVED ME, I COULD NEVER LEAVE!
I HAD TO LIE.
PREPARE FOR IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE


SOON, BEYOND THE ATMOSPHERE OF NEBULOS...
...THE AUTOBOTS AND THEIR NEBULAN PARTNERS ARRIVE AT THE SPACECRAFT THE AUTOBOTS HAD LEFT PARKED IN ORBIT UPON THEIR ARRIVAL.


AFTER PROGRAMMING THE COORDINATES FOR EARTH INTO THE NAVIGATION COMPUTER, THE ALLIES TAKE OFF...
...LEAVING NEBULOS--AND THEIR DREAM OF A WORLD WHERE ROBOT AND HUMAN PEACEFULLY CO-EXIST--BEHIND.


NOT MUCH LATER, LORD ZARAK LEADS THE DECEPTICONS AND THEIR NEBULAN ALLIES TO THE ORBITING SHIP THAT HAD BROUGHT THE DECEPTICONS TO NEBULOS...

...AND WASTES NO TIME GIVING CHASE ACROSS THE GALAXY TO HIS HATED ADVERSARIES!
AND ON THE SURFACE BELOW...


...A COURAGEOUS PEOPLE TRY TO REBUILD THEIR SHATTERED WORLD...
...AND A TORMENTED WOMAN TRIES TO REBUILD HER SHATTERED LIFE!